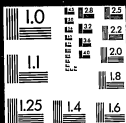


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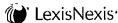
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Edison Family Papers

Family Records Series

This series, which covers the years 1911-1931, contains correspondence and other documents relating to the members of the Edison and Miller families. Most of the selected items pertain to the activities and interests of Edison's second wife, Mina Miller Edison. The documents are from two archival record groups at the Edison National Historic Site: (1) Charles Edison Fund Collection; (2) Edison Family Papers. Finding aids are available.

Family Records Series -- Charles Edison Fund Collection

The selected documents in this series consist primarily of letters to and from Edison's second wife, Mina Miller Edison. Although some are addressed jointly to Mina and Thomas Edison, there are few letters to or from Thomas Edison. The correspondents include Mina's mother, Mary Valinda Miller; sisters Grace Miller Hitchcock and Mary Miller Nichols; sister-in-law Louise Igoe Miller; children Madeleine (Sloane), Charles, and Theodore; and stepchildren Marion (Oeser), Thomas Jr., and William. There are also letters by nephew Robert Anderson Miller, Jr., and nieces Rachel Miller and Marian Nichols. The correspondence contains numerous references to Edison's health, travel, and work; his homes in West Orange, New Jersey, and Fort Myers, Florida; his parental and spousal roles; and the roles of his sons in his companies. The documents were donated to the Edison National Historic Site during the 1990s by the Charles Edison Fund, Newark, N.J. Selections from related letters still owned by the Fund can be found in *Thomas A. Edison Papers Digital Edition*, X018.

Approximately 60 per cent of the correspondence for the years 1911-1930 has been selected. All of the letters containing information directly related to Edison, his wife, and children have been selected, as have numerous other letters documenting significant events in the Edison and Miller families or shedding light on the personalities of family members. In addition to the correspondence, the Charles Edison Fund collection contains an extensive series of genealogical records, newspaper and magazine articles, and other printed material, as well as press releases, transcripts of speeches, audio tape recordings, films, and photographs. Most of this non-correspondence has not been selected. A finding aid is available at the Edison National Historic Site. The documents appear in the following order:

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- Mina Edison Papers
 - Correspondence
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 - Estate and Will

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Theodore Edison

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Family Records Series -- Charles Edison Fund Collection
Charles Edison Papers
Correspondence

These folders consist primarily of correspondence to and from Charles Edison. Many of the letters were written by his mother, Mina Miller Edison. The dated items cover the years 1912-1931, but there are also several undated letters including one that was probably written in 1908. The early correspondence relates to Charles's work at the Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston, his association with the Upton Brothers in San Francisco, and his first years with Thomas A. Edison, Inc. The letters by Mina Edison discuss Thomas Edison's wartime experiments off the coast of Long Island and their extended stay in Washington, D.C.; Charles's involvement in his father's business enterprises; the economic, social, and political climate in the country after World War I; and her attitude toward communism and the Soviet Union. There are also numerous references to Mina's opinion of various Edison associates, including Miller Reese Hutchison and John F. Monnot, both of whom she disliked. Some of the letters contain remarks about Thomas Edison's work, travel, health, and diet.

Also included are letters from genealogist Viola Root Cameron, who met with Charles in 1920 to discuss an Edison and Miller family history. A series of telegrams from Charles to his wife, Carolyn Hawkins ("Pony") Edison, 1926-1928, pertain to business-related travel. A 1928 letter by Mina Edison comments on her husband's decision to enter the radio business. A 1931 letter from the Milan Cemetery Association, with marginal notations by Thomas Edison, contains records of family plots purchased by his father, Samuel O. Edison. Other items include a letter from war hero Alvin C. York regarding his participation in a radio broadcast; a communication from Charles's friend Robert Cox, who discusses his struggles to find work in San Francisco; and a proxy vote for the stockholders meeting of the Diamond Disc Shop, Inc., sent by family friend Elizabeth ("Bessie") H. Kunz, daughter of the eminent mineralogist George Frederick Kunz.

Approximately 60 percent of the letters for 1912-1931 have been selected.

Co 3-14 1918 J

GLENMONT,
LLEWELLYN PARK.

My darling Charles.

Your postals and
letters are fine and I thank
you for such detailed
accounts of everything.

I am sorry to know that
Papa's stomach is troubling
him but if he will get the
tired I fear that it will
always be the result. As to him.

P.S. If your foot is at all painful or
needs any attention you go to Dr.
Bradshaw and ^{Mr.} have it attended to.
Somerset Weston.

THE EDISON ELECTRIC ILLUMINATING CO.
OF BOSTON.
General Offices, 39 Boylston Street.

Boston, July 24, 1912.

Mr. Charles Edison,
c/o Thomas A. Edison,
Orange, N. J.

Dear Mr. Edison:-

I have just returned from my vacation and I find your letter, which I see has been acknowledged by Mr. Buckley.

I am very sorry you will not be able to accept the position and I had to give up the idea of carrying out this class of work as I could not get enough of the people interested in the matter, but I could have made good use of you had you been able to accept.

I hope you will feel better as the time goes on and I also hope that you will give us as much of your time over here this summer and during the Electric Show as possible.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,

J. H. Atkinson
General Superintendent,

JJB.M.L.D.

Boston, Jan. 23, 1913

Mr. Charles Edison

Regarding the question of securing motion pictures to best illustrate the interests of the United Shoe Machinery Company, I feel after going over the matter very carefully with your Mr. Parsons and Mr. Cahill and observing the films, that it is possible to secure far better results than those already obtained by cooperation with your representatives and the operators of the Film Company.

In order to make a picture story of interest and comment to the general public it should be first determined exactly what result you desire to have remain in the public mind. By starting the film with preliminary views of the industry and gradually leading to the finished product this result can be best obtained. Otherwise, first show ancient methods - then show in detail, and possibly go so far as to use microscopic enlargements of the results obtained by the use of modern machinery, the construction and appearance of the most modern and up-to-date machines used in shoe manufacture, as well as the machines in motion; keeping in mind that it is necessary to keep the human interest idea always prominently before the public, because of the fact that you are showing the films to an untechnical audience who are interested to know why they can now buy better shoes than ever before and that buying shoes which are made in a certain manner they are securing the best results for money expended. Otherwise, in plain English, the films should be such that the average school boy, after observing the films could write a fairly intelligent paper, not only

as to how shoes are now made but why they should be made in this manner if the best results are expected.

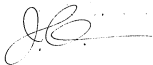
I think also that to show the process of manufacture of foreign shoes and foot covering would serve to emphasize the fact that not only does America excel in the manufacture but that the particular type of shoe can only be manufactured by the use of certain machines.

Pictures alone will not be sufficient, but with titles, sub-titles and descriptive text shown on the film it would be possible to make the subject thoroughly comprehensive, and much is to be gained by eliminating, as far as possible, the lecture, inasmuch as no ordinary audience can follow a series of pictures and at the same time listen to a lecturer, even though he be professional.

The subject, I believe, can be thoroughly covered in four films; approximately one hour being necessary to show the four, but the story from the four so built up that two sections of the film may be used independently so that the performance may be given within thirty minutes - the cost of four films properly taken with the necessary positive films and handling the matter to make the same a completed subject should not exceed \$3500, for which sum definite satisfactory results undoubtedly could be obtained.

The entire subject might be summed up as the manufacture of the modern shoe from the layman's standpoint, and the entire question rests upon the idea as to whether you wish to plunge ahead in a new line of thought, backing your own thought and idea to the

sum of \$3500 with definite results as against the miscellaneous expenditure and indefinite results as already obtained. It is my belief that with any less expenditure or handling the subject as an entirely new one will be no more beneficial than the half results already obtained, which are satisfactory neither to yourself nor to the public.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a stylized initial 'J' followed by a cursive name and a horizontal line extending to the right.

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Residue

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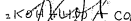
CO₂ Selections -

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then takes out ~~out~~ Oxygen by passing thru KOH + pyro silic acid

then CO by HCL + aCl₂

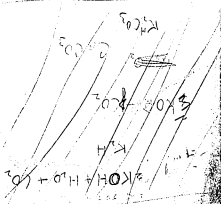
Absorption



Chemical

CO₂ from SO₂ stream

20-40% SO₂



FRANCIS R. UPTON, JR.

CURTIS P. UPTON
Civil Engineer
Mining Engineer

UPTON BROTHERS

1020 MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK BLDG.

TELEPHONE SUITE 879

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

September 1st, 1914.

Mr. Charles Edison,
Edison Laboratory,
Orange, New Jersey.

Dear Hound:

Your friend Mr. Rabbit Cax is still with us. He has retired from the Mine Bibbing Fraternity and is now hoping that the Germans win the war in order that he may *satisfy* his plebeian appetite.

As I am writing this letter now I state to you that the water wagon is a very good resting place, though I will have to admit that I have not been resting well lately. I am working hard both day and night; the day shift has been the one which has occupied most of my time.

San Francisco is about the same; wonderful climate, glorious fog and beautiful ladies. I have learned to dance and am now some rag artist.

Your white haired friend asks how dear Charlie is and regrets that the mails do not deliver any letters from you, you poor rat, breaking sweet and trusting females' hearts. If I could only play the piano I suppose I could do the same.

Sincerely,

Francis

FRU/S

Sept 29-1914
The library at the
laboratory -

Dear Pony.

As soon as I light my pipe will
sit down and have a nice comfort-
table chat.

(H.L.P.T.C. no.)
It's a new kind of poison for me
and deliciously expensive - quite the "sit
down and talk" kind. Were all alone
now and nobody is likely to come
in and disturb us for at least half
an hour or more so you can drop your
pumps of (or shall I push them off)
and wriggle your toes and be real
clubby. It's nice isn't it to be all alone
together for a while because the people around
here aren't pretty at all. Some of them
have irregularities all over their faces
and pasty white skins under the layers
of grime and chemical deposits on them.
The watchman isn't pretty either and
I hope he doesn't come in because he's
got a cat - a horrid thing that slinks
around and meows unexpectedly as
if someone had bitten a child. Moore
is stirring a pot of poorly scented
liquid that boils up and half chokes
him every little while. I'm so
glad it makes me laugh and laugh
to think of Moore way off down



Miss Carolyn Hawkins
* 4 Burton Hall
Dana St
Cambridge
Mass

in the chemical room stirring that pot and chalking. Moore doesn't like to stir pots any more than I like him and he's got to sit there and stir and choker for two hours till the stuff is all evaporated. Moore's got pretty tired tho - both of them. They are a soft amber color except for one that is way back that I didn't count. That one is all shiny gold - honest. Charley Daly's down there too mething up stuff and pouring it into little plates to cool. Charle want better us either - he's here.

for the night I guess judging from the number of little plates he's got set out ready to pour into. But then it wouldn't matter if he did come in as nothing is of any consequence to Charlie but his own business. He never says anything except to blaspheme under his breath occasionally. But even he isn't pretty. You'd like Chris. He's a little blabbering about knee high to you and sticks around all the time working as if he enjoyed it. His head is funny tho and its got a red roof to it. He's too busy to

bother us and that's all the people
around except the "Old Man" and
he's tearing off a lot of things and
as busy as if he knew what he
was doing. I left him standing
near a lot of little white dishes
with stuff in them that smell like
a hospital, watching them stew. He
looked all kind of green. I suppose
it was the ank light made it.
Of course Hatch may be here
but if he comes in I'll surely
kill him.

Nights young yet as it's not yet
12.30. An hour & a half before
the bars close. How Pong about
that picture - Don't you know &
don't want one of those picture
man's efforts that make a person
look as if they were all dolled
up to meet a corpse. All I
want is a real picture - snap shot
or anything that looks like you.
And listen. I'm not going to send
you a picture of me because I
ate them all as soon as I saw
them. But I'll see if I can find
some one else's picture that would

look well on your bureau & send
that or maybe I can frighten
some passed likeness of myself out
of the dim gray bygone years.
Anyhow you won't get either until
you send me a fraction of your
first. And Pomy if your not good
we've got a little happy doll at
the shop and I'll flirt with her
and make eyes at her & carry on
awful. Then you'd have to act
jealous and write a scoldy letter
and you'd have to make it seem
real and that would be O.K.
if bother.

The store is going fine and tomorrow
we're going to figure up how little
we are losing. We are so excited
and happy for anything. It's nice
to be a Tradesman & not have
to pretend to be a gentleman anymore.
We opened it last Thursday with a
recital at 3.30 p.m. and after the
recital came tea & after that exhibition
dancing and then everybody could
dance. The invitations were so ultra
that about 75 people out of 110
that were asked thought we really

had something to show them and came all dressed up as if it was a wedding or a wake or something. I sat in the store room and clapped my hands and said "goody" all afternoon. But these people were all to rich to buy this week altho several have come in and sneered fashionably at us since. That's all part of the program. First the recital - no effort made to sell. Second the second visit including the fashionable sneer. - still only slight effort made to sell. Third the call on the telephone by our sales manager and the bored answers. Fourth the personal call by our representative asking for the privilege to send a machine up to Mrs. Snee's home. Fifth the home demonstration - show alone. Sixth - second home demonstration competing against Victor machine. Seventh - Check. That's the way it's supposed to go. Whether it does or not remains to be seen. Anyhow we've sold a couple of machines so we are looking up & down

and spending estimated future profits.
As soon as I get figures of
it all - the ship & men - steno
and all - I'll send you a set
so that you can sneer too.
Its fun to sneer dont you think?
That is the only reason I like
to go to church.

The library is getting storm cold
and if you dont suit a little
closer well both freeze to death.
That pretty watchman is so busy
combing his old cat he's
forgotten to turn on the steam.

Boo! wake up - you mustnt
get sleepy so soon. I dont see
you very often & its no where
near sunrise yet.

By your letter you seem to
think Im about ready for the
crowd but Im not. Really I could
almost get life insurance the way
I feel now. Heart & I patched
up our differences & things are
going along sailing. Of course
I still need a shave but I have
come to look on that disease
as chronic and of very little

Consequence anyway.

Don't you think my papa is
naughty to stay up so late when
he knows mama would of spanked
him if she were home? She
told me to see to it that
he get home by 12. but so
sandbagging is not one of my
most finished accomplishments
I am not a success as a
papa despatcher. I'm going
to give you one great big round
one right out loud now, since
were all alone and a lot of
little ones and then another big
one. Now I'm going to
try + drag my papa home.
Goodnight

C.

(You don't need to know how to
draw.)

(Don't forget the picture)

80 EUCLID AVENUE WEST

My dear Charles:

Answered
Nov 10 1914
Sent # 175

I received your telegram Friday and, according to your request, purchased a box of fifty Philip Morris cigarettes, sending them to Edsel Ford by one of the boys in our factory. I enclosed a card with the following written upon it:

"Wishing you many happy returns of the habit, and with compliments and congratulations

Nov. 6, 1914.

Chas. Edison"

The cost was \$1.25 for the cigarettes, and if you want to send something additional for the messenger I presume he would be glad to accept it.

I see you sympathize with, and are trying to help out the poor cigarette manufacturers whom your father and Mr. Ford have so nearly forced out of business.

With kind regards
Walter Holland

Sunday, Nov. 8th



Wheeling Sheet and Tin Plate Company

Manufacturers of

Tin Plate and Light Sheets

Yorkville, Ohio

ISAAC H. GOTT
PRESIDENT
F. W. HENNINGER
MANAGER

574 N 5th St.,
Steuenville
Ohio.

12/7/14.

Dear Charlie:

I suppose that by this time you have pretty well forgotten your stay at Steuenville and its "excellent" hotel. But the town is still here.

I was much impressed with your new machine and bought one of the 250. boys via fathers check. We had a victrola sent up home along with one of your machines and played Victor Records on both in another room - and voted on the results. In nearly every case we thot the edison played the Victor Record much better than the Victrola did - we couldnt see the machines in operation so were absolutely unprejudiced



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And your own Records are vastly better than Vs or C's. Keep it up.

I have a suggestion which you may take at its own value. That is to get records from time to time of college songs as sung by the glee clubs and quartets of the colleges - not by cold impersonal professionals like the Victor people employ. I have been sadly impressed with the stilted pronunciation and accent and swing in such grand songs as Boola - Old Nassau, etc when sung by the Victor "workmen". Would it be practical to get the college men to sing for good Records - with the real life and spirit? { There are 10 or 12 good college songs - and you advertise to college trade a good bit.



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3.

They wouldnt charge for their work if you kidded them along properly with the appeal of the old alumni organizations etc and a simple souvenir would go a long way thus perhaps compensating for the smaller sale.

Orange is frequently visited by the glee clubs at christmas time and perhaps it might work. I know they took movies at Yale in my senior year for a college plot with the real atmosphere. All it cost was the prize for the plot - which had to be written by a Yale man.
How about it?

Sincerely yours

514 N. 7th St. Steubenville, O. H. Briar Scott.

LABORATORY OF
THOMAS A. EDISON,
ORANGE, N. J.



Miss Carolyn Hawkins
* 4 Burton Hall
Dana St
Cambridge
Mass

Last weeks Sunday
and Monday
morning.

Dear Pony

Been sick. About half right
now and sitting in front of
an open fire recouping. Soaked
all day yesterday and today
as far as going to work is
concerned. It's kind of nice
not to run away from
school once in a while? Doctor
tried to wish appendicitis on me
just because I had cramps
and knots tied in me but
so far she fooled him. He
got sore & said I was sick
yesterday just for spite. I'm not
tho - not still next Monday
but don't tell anybody.

Yesterday a Mr. Shelling came
out for the morning. He

was going to bring Padereski :
with him but Paddy renigged
as he had to do something
with some sort of a Polish
Relief Society. Shelling's his
pet pupil. Some say he
has it on Paddy. Guess he
has. Anyway he can play
pretty well. Then John Burroughs
blew in for luncheon and
later I took a nap. Then
last night paw he got landed
up at Carnegie Hall and
had to sit on a platform
& sit thru speeches & have
a medal planted on him
by The Civic Forum. He doesn't
fall very hard for that
sort of stuff but this was

rather out of the ordinary. We
all went in to N.Y. in the
car & met Mr. Ford at the
Belmont & crashed thru a
filet mignon & some asparagus.
When we got to Carnegie
Hall (on time marble diet)
there were all sorts of little
fellows - that have set the world
on fire. Then what had drags
had seats on the platform
so we found ourselves 2nd
row back & had lots of
fun picking out our friends
from the audience. Dr. Butler
of Pres. of Columbia presided
& the other speakers were
Marconi, Coffin, McLaurin, Breachire,
Steinmetz etc.

I was thankful the "OB Man" was deaf as he would have had to get his hat on with a shoe horn if he'd heard. Nice evening - nice speeches & a nice medal - all shiny gold.

Today I haven't done much of anything except bum around. Took dad over to the new amilin plant & spent the afternoon on the couch at the Ed. Shop & at the movies. When I went for dad a fellow tried to talk business with me but I just sneered at him. Feel as I did retired. Well supper's ready so good bye.? @ over

yesterday Theodore, my brother,
went out to Long Island in
his Ford and stopped to fix
something in the back of
it and along came another
car and banged into him,
bumped the Ford ahead and
then ran over Theodore
with both wheels. They took
him to a hospital in Jamaica.
We all went over & brought
him home in the big car.
This morning he seems
to feel OK & is planning
to come down to the movies
tonight. The kids got a
charmed life. This is the
2nd time he's been run
over.

C.E.

Form 1204

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262 NY RY 28 COLLECT, BLUE

OMAHA NEB OCT 16 1045 AM

CHAS EDISON

0811

10 FIFTH AV N. Y.

FATHER LENGTHENING STAY CANT YOU RUSH BUSINESS SO YOU AND

THEO CAN MEET US IN SANFRAN.FOR RETURN TRIP SOUTHERN

ROUTE VIA SANDIEGO NOT OWN DISCRETION LOVE.

MOTHER

283P

SD 7854 DE
OCT 16 1916

Darling Jim

Darling Charles -

Having Jim help
Thank you for say to
and coming to see us
if - for saying the message
and then to you, be
God and keep good
Loves - take care of
your health. Jim
will miss you
terribly, at Fort Hayes
will to see -

Wife & babies
Mother -

KINGS FARMS AND CATTLE COMPANY

REAL ESTATE DEPARTMENT
L. S. BRANDEBURG - F. R. UFFER, JR.
303-45 HEARST BUILDING
MARKET AND THIRD

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., June 3, 1916.

Dear Chas:-

I believe that it was some months ago that I heard from you, but as I had nothing adequate to tell you I never bothered to answer. Not that I have anything to tell you now, but I consider this a good way to pass the next two or three hours. The real estate business venture of Messrs Moulton and Cox was exceedingly unprofitable, and after about a year of futile effort or lack of effort the firm dissolved. Since then Moulton has held the honorable position of Horticultural Commissioner of the City and County of San Francisco. Mr. Cox has done nothing worthy of note except look for a job in a desultory manner. Consequently I am in a very straitened financial condition, and am very liable to starve to death soon unless I can find a ditch without a digger in the very near future. I find that in spite of or because of my excellent education I am non compos ni mentis, ni manorum, ni pedum; the grammar is probably faulty, but never mind. You can see above what the present activities of Francis are, and Curt has been raising pigs and chickens, but I believe is about to retire.

I hear great news of Sumner's successes, and hope that you are doing as well in other ways as in furnishing Greenwich Village a vent for its emotions, in which I hear that you have been remarkably successful.

KINGS FARMS AND CATTLE COMPANY

REAL ESTATE DEPARTMENT
L. L. BRANDEBURG - F. R. UPTON, JR.
303-45 HEARST BUILDING
MARKET AND THIRD

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

I have a chance to off to Arizona mining again, but I certainly hate to do it. But on the other hand I cannot find a damn thing to do around here, and it is highly probable that I shall start for the desert soon. I am still living at the Colonial Hotel and so is Francis. We both owe so much that we can't move and they don't like to throw us out and take the loss. A \$50 job would look good to me right now. I could at least eat in a dignified manner. Among the rest of the things that I learned at school I have forgotten how to drink; I have not had a real bun in nearly two years; poverty has strange results. They tell me that your work keeps you in New York over night quite often so I presume that you are not suffering for lack of stimulant and white lights. Give my best to Sumner when you see him

As ever

Bob Cox

night and so far different from what I had planned. By the time evening came I was in a very queer mood - one that occasionally possesses me - but only occasionally now - caused by the thing that you know - and yet do not know about - then as we went from one place to another other things began to creep in until finally everything to the winds - and Charles, it was the strangest night I have ever passed in my life, and opposite in the



Mr. Charles Edison
Sewell Park
Orange
New Jersey.

I lost track of you in the crowd today Charles - I looked and looked - then strolled on - disappointed - I didn't even tell you how much I enjoyed my visit. You always do so much for me when I am over and I must appear very unappreciative.

It was all so queer last

extreme to what I planned.

I can't write tonight and if I do not for
a few days please don't mind. I write
you a long long letter coming over in
the train but am not reading it.
I will watch you Tuesday evening
and wait — then shall we take a
little ride?

Pam.



Mr. Charles Edison
Dumblyns Park
Roxbury
N. J.

Framingscott. mass
Aug 10. 1916.

My dear Charles.

Every heart is drawn
with regret for having left home -
Infantile Paralysis, railroad
strikes in such straitening
condition over us makes me
shudder and I feel like a culprit
leaving the house thus empty for
you and Fortie dear. I don't
want to think that you are glad
that I am not there so it makes
me feel conscience stricken
to think I am playing and trying
to amuse myself while you poor
darlings are in the heat, working.
Please write Charlesie and tell
me all you and Papa do and
will do. I want to know just how
you are passing the time. How
all the matters that were hanging
in the air are coming out.

Is Uncle John with you? How
is the weather and keep sister
cheered up. I feel that I will
turn around and come home
by train as soon as I get
through up to Mombuan and
settled but for him I would
not have left Orange when I
did. I don't like it under
the circumstances -

Today we are going along the
coast seeing all the places as
we go north hoping to get a boat
at Thomaston to take us over
to the Island Saturday evening.
Send me a telegram ~~there~~
just how things are. Please -
Love & kisses - Mother -

2114 Farms
Hoboken, New York

August 19 - 1916

Dear Charles,

Enclosed you will find the
proxy form which I have made out
in your name. I expect to go to the
meeting but if I fail to put in an
appearance will you kindly repres-
ent me?

We just had word from your mother
asking papa and me to go up to
Monticello while they are there next
week. I doubt if we make it though
the company and place are a great
inducement to take the trip.

I can understand perfectly how tired
down you are taking care of your father
- Send an idea Reuben departing

at the same time as your mother
can't, or come up here the week
end after he goes, that is Saturday
September second and stay over
Labor Day? I appreciate how much
you would like to see Gerald though
but I think that you are more
likely to get reckless and visit
him there, you are to come up here
so you try to come here September
second.

"A Woman of No Importance" and
"The Ideal Husband" are my
favorite O.W.'s. I adore the dance
in the former who always says "I forgot
it" (Lady Huntinton) - and the girls
reply to Lord Goring when he proposes
always accuses me when ever I think
it - in the latter.

But must meet two unconnected
and wholly spontaneous Reno's myself.

advisors - one a man and the other a woman - the man raised about it all himself - and a few days later the above happened once a copy of Bureau's letter and she volume turned the information that she had every number from the beginning. I told her I didn't think she would have no I thought. They were both most enthusiastic.

Ruby and I are very dangerous but if anything I am more so - we each have a revolver on account of being alone so much - she at the cottage and I here - and we are getting permits so we don't get arrested for carrying concealed weapons. She joke is though Ruby is a pure shot.

I couldn't hit a barn door so I was
much more liable to do some
damage!

Wee good bye and I'll let
me hear when you can come up.

Press -

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

911-PROXY

Grover Brothers, Inc., Law Blank Publishers, Newark, N. J.

Know all Men by these Presents

That I Bessie H. King

do hereby constitute and appoint Charles Edison

my Attorney and Agent for me and in my name, place and stead to vote as my proxy at any
election of annual meeting of the Diamond Trust Shop
Incorporated, to be held Tuesday August 22nd 1916.

according to the number of votes I should be entitled to cast if then personally present.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this
day of One Thousand Nine Hundred and sixteen

Signed, Sealed and Delivered

in the presence of

George F. King

Bessie H. King

U.S.

18 August 1916

PROXY
GROVER BROTHERS, INC., LAW BLANK PUBLISHERS, NEWARK, N. J.

Sub. Blackshaw

Ms. Thos. C. Edison.
Thomaston Maine.
Care Western Union

Cool Beautiful weather. Madeleine
& baby top notch. Uncle John
at home. Both of us well
& busy but miss you. Forget
worries & have a good time.

TAE & CE

sent 8/19/16
10:05 P.M.
K

Telegram

Western Union

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aug. 19-1916

Biddford, Me.
Me.

Thos. A. Edison.

Telegraph immediately Thomas
son help of yourself Charles
Madeling. Has Madeline
Nurse.

Ming

WESTERN UNION

DAY LETTER

Form 2250 K

RECEIVED AT

94 NY S 48 BLYE 5 EX
THOMASTON MAINE 350 P M AUG 19 1916
THOS. A. EDISON AND CHARLES EDISON

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Butler
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LLEWELLYN PARK

ARRIVED THOMASTON SATURDAY 3 PM GRACE WAYMOUTH MET US HERE
WITH BOAT PULLING OUT FOR MONHEGAN TELEGRAPH VIA BOOTHBAY SUNDAY
NIGHT ALL PARTICULARS NOT HAVING YOU WITH US TAKES AWAY
OUR PLEASURE FINE DAY BUT WARM FOR MAINE WONDERING ABOUT
YOU ALL LOVE

MINA

AND MOTHER

510 P M

8/30/16.
10.45 AM.
02257

Mrs. Thos. C. Edison
Monhegan Island
Maine -
via Booth Bay -

Everything going well. Fine
cool weather. Father
got off on schedule. Wired
me from Roxbury to telegraph
you to send duplicate letters
Federal Post Office Albany
Saratoga Springs and Elizabeth-
town N.Y. Some of these
places will catch.

Best Love

J. Chamber.
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DAY LETTER -

Mrs. Thos. G. Edison
Monhegan Island
Maine
Via Booth Bay.

Everything going smoothly.
Big production of records
and machines. Weather
fine. Am taking Sunday
trip to Boston & return
by boat for the air.
Sloane family full of
health. Have a good
time and don't worry about
anything. Sorry to hear
of your accident & hope
you are alright again. Love

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Lonsdown Maine

Thomas Schwin

arrives Great-Island Station

Johnnie George meet her

Thomas Schwin

MRS. THOMAS A. EDISON
ORANGE, N. J.

My dear Charles -

New London, Conn.
Aug 22.

We are held up here on account of some break in the dynamo and have been coaling all day. Papa and I had an auto this afternoon and went all around the town and in the summer quarters. There are some pretty places about here and I imagine people have good times. While we were away one of the boys' ^{assistants} came to the side of this boat in his own yacht or launch and brought him a package of something. He had been shoveling coal all day and was hot black - the said you certainly are getting exercised. Poor woman and poor boy! I imagine that she would have simply been delighted to have carried him off. At that time we expected to get off in two hours but now we shall be here until five in the morning. The Captain says that he will allow him some beer. He may be gone now for all I know. I imagine sitting here and seeing all these boys doing all sorts of manual labor. It will be times yet

No doubt but it seems hard lines after
bringing them up in certainly different
ways. There is a wonder there I am
getting around that. We are having a
wonderful experience there is no crystal
of any kind. It is something like the
life on the surface, it is well I had a
little training of that nature or this
mild indeed seem crude. The
Captain is very nice indeed, but he
has his hands full taking care of all
the material over of me.

We leave here tomorrow at five for
Sag Harbor - there is a fog on the sea
so I am glad that we are waiting over
the fog horns are blowing outside.

We have just finished our supper
Jerry is going on the last thing
to take mail. There is a fine
spirit on board, especially among
our laboratory men. Mr. Groll
wishes there were more here to help
on the work but I hope there
will make great strides on what
he is at. Dear me I would be a
proud woman with husband
and sons both accomplishing
much - Father has just thought
of a scheme. See watching the

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GRANDE, N. J.

men signal - they do it so poorly
so now he has thought of an
attachment for the type writer
so any one can send messages.
As he sees things in actual
operation I imagine he will
send fifty more suggestions to
Washington.

Take good care of your
Foster, Theodore, Charlain and
don't leave him alone too
much. I am sorry to hear
you both sleep alone. Each
John might come up.

We will get to Sag Harbor to-
morrow - I imagine that we
will be there for some time.

Goodnight - love,

Mother -

Aug 22-1917

Darling Charles.

This may be out of
your line but if you can
come & get it made it would
be fine. Come see to get
Madeline's - Get Gordon
to see that this is his place
Kinnin & Wolfe are both
here so I don't see why they
should be up there. I must
have to get the experience
of working under his feet
and to really be in the heart of
things. Don't you think that
he should have him to get
Khabib trousers and brown
clerk stool is the way for two

Engines are dussed.

Come Sunday or
whenever you can. I don't
know what we will be doing,
but are stationed here at
Sag Harbor.

Love, Mother,

Cachem, S. P. 192.
Greenport, Sept. 24/17

My dear Charles.

A woman telephoned up to me one day and told me that Dorking has some of our blue prints of the Amelina Bent. She says that he and Simpson + some others are using these blue prints and have them at his house now. She said that she could not give her name but was working at the firm where he brought these blue prints. She said she had a squiff against him and felt that we should know about it. So she told me about it. I pass it on.

Yours Mother.

Greenport, Sept. 24/97
Sachum, S. P. 192

My darling Charles. You must be home by this time although I have not heard from you. It was like pulling teeth to come away without seeing you but I had waited so long and Papa had written for me to come back so I felt that I should go. I detest it on this boat and long to be home. I wish I knew just how much and what Papa wants me out here for. If it gives him any comfort I consider that I should remain with you. I thought that I would stick it out until next Tuesday or Wednesday. Papa says that he will go down about the N. Y. water as soon as he finishes two things here which seem pretty well along and I am hoping he will

be ready to go there. I could
— Huckle for ever getting him
into this mess. Of course he is
interested as he would be in any
new problem and he is in-
terested in earnest about helping
along the war defense so I should
be patient and say nothing. If
the various things are accepted
that he is working on there will
be some great helps, I can see you.
Write and tell me all about your
trips and what success you had.
Many, many times I thought of
you Charles dear and hoped,
hoped that you did not depend
too much on the beating idea
for business. Mr. Marchant
came up to see me one day and
he wanted to handle all of my affairs
to straighten out. I am not so
keen about it and wanted to see
what you thought about it. How

Write about your meeting of business. He
likes you. He would be right business. He
wishes you had not made points in the
order letters at dinner, etc., but you know
the show show. If you would not show them
his usual party when dinner etc. Begin to
the dinner show. He doesn't if you should
let that wonder get the better of you. It would
make both your feelings and make heart. You
are a great deal of mine. I am, call you
his secretariat, what do you think of that?
The good, Charles dear, about that drinking
and cigarette.

Franklin is going to take this note
so must close. Loving to see you all.
Love aside as they make them. So and
put the part of the day and only send from
mine of it by coming in that part.

Love to Gordon and Madeline,
Dorothy, Mabel.

"Sachem" S. P. 192

Crescent Point S. I.

Sept. 27 - 1917

My darling Charles. It seems ages since I have seen you or heard from you. I supposed you were in town for the wedding but they say that you were not and it is well that I did not wait over to meet you as I had once thought of doing. As long as I have to be up here I felt that the sooner I came the sooner I would get home. I am sort of planning to be with Papa ten days and then home ten days but it is breaking up things generally to be out here so much. It means that I might just as well resign every thing that I am interested in here at home for I cannot follow it up. It looks like a winter's job

as far as fasten, is concerned as you know fasten. He constantly gets new ideas and that leads to more experimenting and half way never connected with him. It looks hopeless to me, and I get more and more disgusted with that many propositions as time goes on. He would have done some thing for his country all right without going into this field - Water being one of the things he never cares for. Is it not the purposeless of life to always get the thing you think you would never do for?

I long to be home with fasten there for I have no piece of mind at home while he is out here on the water and I want so much to be with you boys. I don't like this a little bit. To fasten it does not seem to matter so much but how many times I remember let to me. You were clothed and packed the place the better certainly fasten never of the. He makes the best of it when he has an object - never no matter what the conditions are.

Charles - I wish that you would get together with me in up there at the garage - all the time and get the putting motions with the new kind. George and the two boys have one day and I think it was today but it will always - at that garage. I think has an idea that fasten wants to go and he won't have the best of it. Then go on and down, perhaps some night from each place if he has nothing else to do and if she will like to have him. He can stay over there when she is every getting ready for Washington.

George can use Dimplex and the Ford, the
help question bothers me for I think they
will get completely too independent.

Write and tell me all about your trip
and whether you are meeting with success
at home.

Write love and hoping to see you
soon. Lovingly Mother.

Sackum, S. P. 192
Lumport S. J.
Sept 28-1917

My darling Charles. Just a line
to let you know that I am
thinking of you and am
longing to see you. I hope
when I come home next
week that you wont have
to be going away somewhere.
I want a real visit with my
Fabius next time. Nathan
keeps well and fine and
experiments progressing but
slow as there are so many
contingencies.

Love + kisses
Mother.

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GRANGE, N. J.

My darling Charles.

I feel very very bad to go without seeing you but I have been away from Jacton so long and he seems to want me to come back to the boat so I think I should go. I wish you were here so as to go up with me - It is the pulling teeth to leave but Jacton is the bait -

I do hope that you had a successful trip and that all is well with you. Please write to me. I shall be forlorn this time on the boat.

Be good. I love you & yours
and than revised you tenderly,
Mother.

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Be sure to go to the ball
wedding if you are home.

Hotel Parklawn
Washington D.C.
Nov. 7-1917.

My darling Charles. It gives me
to think you and Theodore are
so far away from me but I
am hoping that I am doing
right in being here just faster.
Nothing I could have loved more
than to have been sitting right
by your side and watching
the pictures and seeing the
dances. I am glad that you
are satisfied with both.
Theodore & Mr. Inman are certainly
becoming great chums.
Thank you Charles dear, for
looking after things for me.
The various matters at home

Satisfied - Your maternal commands
fully - Madam has always fastidiously
so much that it will be quite a change
to hear a young lady's opinion about it
next.

Foster has given me another start.

He says there is danger of Mr. Grey
going - I do hope not for I think he is
an asset to our plant in every way -
Besides for business he has
dignity and prestige - Don't let him go.

For an opposing demand.

I can simply give up the school
work to my leg and it is about hoked
although Dr. wants me quit for a
few days longer. If we getting on very
secure to be so practical. Madam is taking

up the President's work and out on
day commencing for security she & Helen Adams.

are on my mind but I have
tried to forget them as long
as it seems best to be here.
Miss Bookha's business runs
considerable as paying out
that amount of money every
month seems somewhat
useless. Don't say anything
to her just at present, how-
ever as she has just written
me of the pleasure she has
had in helping to pack
some Christmas boxes at
the Woman's Club for the
soldiers in France. I
would not like to dash her
joy just now. When I come
up again we will get it

I want to go with them for business to have
returns tomorrow if Dr. consents.
Mr. Mulcahy has telegraphed to know
what I will do for the paper \$250. I feel
that I would like to give a \$1000. It
seems to me a very necessary thing
if R. C. is \$10000 this certainly is 1% as
necessary. If in bad, right conditions for
the boys when with me might not need
so much R. C. I shall be glad to see
the scrapbook. Every night I am locked
listening to a Meloc. accompanied by
an organ. It sounds splendidly well too.
Of course the musician knows just
how to show it to advantage. Enclosed
is an ad. in this evening paper.
Write him to that - Devotedly, Mother.
I'm in a little bit.

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ORANGE, N. J.

Hotel Webster
Washington D.C.
Nov. 23-1917

My darling Charles - I think in time
all the different men of the Inces
will be down here - Mr. & Mrs. Mac-
cutt day before yesterday and Mr.
Antoin Mudd today - Mr. Mudd
came in to my sitting room
and remained with me some
time talking me all about his
work at the Baiting Inces and
how he had the grand system
over there - Mr. Mudd of various
matters and the electrical
matter came up - I spoke of you
being the one to have done all
that organizing and he said
that he had thought Mr. Maccutt
had done it - I sat him right
and then afterwards I thought
that possibly I had made a
mistake as I remember that
you did say that you did not

want them to know that you
were the one as you let Mann -
out do all the disagreeable ^{stunts}.
But Charles I don't believe that
is the way to do for you lose
out on your position with the
man. I want them to know
that you are head - man what
will run off with everything
if he can and too the man
will give him the credit for
all this fine work but I may
be all off - However I do want
your hand at the wheel instead
any doubt about it. You can't
do it all so you must choose
the most essential things or
things to make your position
understood.

Bogin tells me that you
are planning to entertain the
boys. That means you will

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ORANGETHORN

surely be at home - Now if Papa
& I should come up will it
interfere with your plans and
Boguin wants to know whether
she had better go out in the
morning to help Mary & Henry
get things ready? Please answer
these two questions immediately.

Father has taken to looking
up the N. S. now so we may
not get up to Glenmont for
Thanksgiving after all - I am
disappointed but if we do not
I shall remain into the first
week of Dec. and then come
up and be there until after
Christmas. I think that a
good plan, don't you? I am
anxious to be home, if Theodore
should go to France with his
sister as he wants to - think of it -

I dread the very thought of his
doing any thing of the kind but
I do realize how eager he is to
see it under way and to feel
that he is doing a big thing for
his country. It is the only thing
that keeps him out of the army.
Do you think Justice will con-
sent? I am saying nothing
to him about it for fear I will
hurt Theodore's cause -

Do you miss Martha a little
bit? Good night -
Love - Mother -

Miss Carolyn Hawkins
*A Budon Hall
Dana St.
Cambridge
Mass.

MRS. THOMAS A. EDISON
ORANGE, N. J.

12/15/17

Pony-

Thank you a thousand
times for your letter.
Perhaps it would be better
to talk rather than write
so I won't say anything
except that she been to
Washington again and
that now we are all
but snowed in at Orange
and that I'm coming up
to have that talk very
very soon - next week
perhaps -

E.

can be with me. I am the better of them
as it is.

Hadden is having Miss Anderson
visit her as they are left just busy
in their own way. Tomorrow, ^{the} having
a ^{new} for her. She has asked me but
I think I will get some flowers and
send to them, just to thank them more.
Mrs. Perry & I am going to visit
some certain places tomorrow & I think
I think it will be interesting. Polly
Sunday is here. I heard him 4-
day at Secretary David's house but
I want to go and hear him at the
Tabernacle. There is where you are
the next man. I think he is
sincere, all right. He has the
same idea of evolution as I have
I believe necessary made aware
in the beginning - not so perfect
at first but has improved upon
our own make up.

Bless me, bless always, etc.
Mr. Harford is faithful to his job as
usual and very kind yesterday.
He is a comfort here. If he is
true I hope that you will keep

last 4 - and Simpson busy - 20 in the
morning going to the school place to have the pupils
some help from busy some way -
Here is the same sort many things by the
time? When will you or I see how with you
Am to Harford - just not with to him
I wish to be more make my letter very very.

Jan 24 - 1918

With love

Proctor

CABLE ADDRESS: POWHATAN.



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HOTEL POWHATAN

PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE

EIGHTEENTH AND H STREETS

F. C. OWEN,
MANAGER.

Washington, D.C. Jan. 22 1919

My darling Charles. Oh, I have been so un-
happy and worried about you, and feel
terribly about going further south. I do
want you to come down and get rid of
your cold and get rested up. I have been
torn between my duty to father and
to you, thinking you were getting
good care and that dear Mrs. Fin
is watching things. I have tried to be
contented and stay by father.

Love - Mother -

Some pictures between Susan
Ladd & Savannah.

My darling Charles. Here we sit in a
beautiful mountain town of ten or
fifteen houses. We are 5 hours late and
Auddie tells them that if it wasn't for
night had each had to cross that we over-
took them and his car was attached to
our train, he leaves us at 2:30 o'clock.
We should have been there at 1:30 instead
we will not get there until 6:30 if we
lose no more time. It is hopeless
down here. Have just left Savannah
where I hoped to see Erin but a telegram
from him there said that it was
impossible for me to come there. Of
course I am booked to go with Papa to
they won't so can't not make the tour
but maybe can later on my way up.
I would love to go to see him, poor
boy. He must feel pretty deserted.
When I got off the train Charles
dear, you should have seen me as
I wanted to look as fresh and free
to Erin as I could. Well I was a
most gorgeous package of 20 pounds
and ~~pink~~ you see how. It was
a beautiful orange and the envy of
all the women. No one remembers
them but my father was beating with
pride at the thought of my darling son.

Wishing that he was on that very
same platform exhibiting a -
small tin cabinet. one cannot
imagine how you need or thought
of coal. It is 75 and severe in
the midday to keep out the snow.
You would simply get well in a
day down here. Do not you think
it would be good policy to come
and get well there trying to make
half back - If you can't come now
make your plans in such a way
that you come down with the
in three weeks.

You are in made a stop beginning
to move again. Hard to make when
train is going but I mail this
ready to send back at next big
stop.

You are not out of my mind a
minute - I hope the house is warm
and that you are getting free of all
signs of a cold. I thank you many
times dear for that beautiful token
of love which came to me in the
house as we were leaving Washington.
We cannot understand how you
did it so quickly - Madeline & I
met at the house but owing to the
lack of an expense we made an

how late in starting. Duquoin
a train being an hour late at
the place it was made up. You
see you are suffering. We go about
600 ft and in time stop, 600 more
and stop, ground getting stony, stony
and stopping but little doing.

Now the wheels turn on the track
without effect. Nowing again with
creaks and groans. It is worse
travelling. It reminds me so
much of a stretch of road with
a fine high speed motor. It
is getting better by the minute but
perhaps say a cold wave is coming.

Thanks you, dearie, again for
the flowers and I am doing my
best to keep them until I get off
at Miami. They are fine now.

Be good, dearie, listen to Mrs.
Pamela. Love to her and a
great, great love for you and
the whole baby.

Love Mother -

January 29 - 1918

Charleston - Jan. 29/88

My darling Charles and Gordon.

We are four hours late and
the train is so crowded - Charles tells me
was so late than they expected his car
to come here as far as Jacksonville -
I guess no good or too tight for the
white. I wish you were with us -
the best way to get rid of your cold
Charles is to come right down
here - No snow and people coming
in the fields, plowing, etc.

It is like another world and it
makes me heart sick when I think
of you all in that snow and
cold - Goodbye until they
mailed here. Hope to see you
at Jacksonville but being so late
we may miss out. It will be
too bad. Love -

Morton

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HOTEL POWHATAN

PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE

EIGHTEENTH AND H STREETS

F. C. OWEN,
MANAGER.

Washington, D.C. _____ 191

My darling Charles. Of course there is no use
worrying to you about resting up until
you are well of that cold but please please
draw later care of it - Use your will
power and take those exercises to
make you more robust. Please -
I can warmer under clothes.

Papa does need me sadly and he is
glad that I am here. It certainly was
a solemn spot when I arrived here.
The room looked as if a cyclone had
struck it and as bare as a barn.
My it just seemed that I must fly
back with him to Board old Vermont.
What a beautiful home and how
beautiful it was all Saturday and
Sunday before those charming and
entwining fires - Nothing like them
when you have those you love with you.
You blessed, darling come! Don't work
too hard and get strong, please. You
can do it if you will do exercises.

I miss you both terribly and our
Papa is gone until next this evening.
Madeline has two tickets for the
Senate debate on Feb. this morn but
Alice Anderson is coming she expects
so will need the tickets. Mr. Keiser
is trying to get one another if possible.
It will be interesting to hear first hand
that speaking can trump it then
Charles so why dont you use it. Ask
Henry for it. ~~As soon as Mrs. King~~
can get those there it will be fine.

Tomorrow you will be off on
your trip and I wish if not too
much trouble you will inform me
when you are each day so that I
may keep track of you.

Deain - I feel sure that you would be
in better health if you were married and
I dont suppose you will ever find any
one to fancy but Carolyn - If she is the
one and you know that she is the only
one that gives you the same happiness.
I will do my best to help build her up
for I think she needs nursing and
rest. When you see her ask her if she
would come down with me for a
time and I will try to build her up
and then we can know our own
bodies and things can be more
intelligently settled on all sides. I
will not criticize her but try to treat

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HOTEL POWHATAN

PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE

EIGHTEENTH AND H STREETS

W. C. OWEN,
MANAGER.

Washington, D. C. _____ 1911

her with all kindness. I know how so
you need not worry that she will feel
uncomfortable. We can have a sweet
time together just as Bessie and I
did only I hope that we can be even
more congenial. It will be fine to
have her down South with me for a
time at least. I will pay her ex-
penses.

I am longing to be home but I
feel that Papa really needs me so that
is a great, great consolation.

God bless you + keep you.

Love + kisses

Mother.

Think I can arrange to come
to Myers Patter part
this week - to stay
possibly three weeks -
Still have cough but
~~it's~~ not too at all - bad
~~Don't mean also to leave~~
Everything alright if ~~you~~
~~return~~ ~~you~~ ~~to~~
You suggested asking
Carolyn - ~~as a~~
~~having her~~ ~~Don't~~
I ~~should~~ I ask
her to go down with
I do - ~~Hardly~~ think
she can come however -
When will you be in Myers -

S30 Tues

Miami Fla.

Uncomfortably warm here.
If cold is not better come
down. Father wants you to
take no risks. would rather
deliver stock when I get home.
Have M. Lambert write particulars.
dont understand sudden rush.
Going out to see the sights
at Hotel Royal Palm
Miami. Hotel over see
Key West

Signed Mother

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MRS CHARLES EDISON

RURTON HALLS, DANA ST

BARY BOY JUST ARRIVED EIGHT POUNDS THREE OUNCES EVERYTHING LOVELY

LOVE

CHARLES

309P

PHONED TO Mrs Edison
 TIME 6:30 P.M.
 TO BE MAILED

and try later
2 8:00
out 6:10 p.m.
call later



Mrs. Charles Edison
"The Touraine"
Boston
Mass.

SEMINOLE LODGE
FORT MYERS, FLORIDA

Feb. 19 - 1919

My dear Cardy dear,

Well, it is too bad that Charles is ill again. Foster says that he should come down here when there is no chance to be taken if he comes to come. I think it would be just the place but of course you both have your own opinions. I am so anxious about him and feel as though I should take the next train home. This time he must get thoroughly strong before trying any work.

He should have stayed a few
hours longer, don't you think
so? This flt. is nothing to be
trifled with - Peace took out
for his lungs. I don't want
any thing serious there.

What is the doctor?

Mr. & Mrs. Ray have just called
and inquired after the birds.
You see you made a great
impression down here.
They are asking us down
for Saturday supper and
dancing - you know how
we love it. Perhaps Uech
Jill, Hunt, Mary and Madeline
will go but as for Jack and
myself I think not. It is
something I don't care about.
Betty, all Jim and all are
in good shape so far.

It has been cold but warming up some
now. Mr. Lane came down and we
were as fresh as ever and latter some
of course I don't know. Duke will have
Hudson I speak.

What a little game you will be
you might do it why tell me that you
could off in Nevada. She cannot very
pleasantly see it. She does not know it when
you, I think, very much but I sincerely
trust that she will like it more as the
game on. She certainly has enjoyed the game.
You can be hard to pull so the will be
not as plentiful as it might be and
make up some.

Franklin has just brought a Skopski bird. A
good day to all in some 75 years ago.
The name of Johnson, Chapin.
Franklin is an old going to the Maria. I'm

Great Love - Theodore says that it is fine.
I hope that it will be good.

My flowers kept beautifully until we
got to Jacksonville and then we had no
water so they did not look so well when
we got to Fort Myers but we thoroughly
enjoyed them. I wrapped wet towels about
their stems and put them up where we
could see them all the time.

Some way this is a tired day and I am
sleepy so write love and hoping the tele-
gram this afternoon will give us better
news, I am lovingly Mother.

TELEPHONE VANDERBILT 1163

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Viola Root Cameron
GENEALOGIST
47 WEST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK

December 17, 1919.

Mr. Charles Edison,
Parkway,
Llvelyn Park W.,
W. Orange, N. J.

Dear Sir:

Your name has been given me as a man who has played a most important part in our Great Victory, and one who is tremendously interested in all things American; and as there is nothing of more moment at this time, than the definite knowledge of who we are, I will take pleasure in adding you to my clientele.

What more fitting and proper than that you should have your family history compiled so that it may stand as a monument to you and to the efforts of those of your ancestors, who by their self-sacrifice and toil have made America this wonderful country she is.

Will you write or telephone for an appointment so that we may discuss this matter more fully?

Respectfully,

MEMBER
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LONG ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA

December 31, 1919.

Miss Viola Root Cameron,
47 West 42nd Street,
New York City.

Dear Miss Cameron:

Mr. Charles Edison duly received your letter suggesting that he let you compile his family history, and he has asked me to write you for a little further explanation.

Of course he realizes that you could only approximate the amount of work and expense involved, but he would like you to give him some inkling of what this would be, and also, if you can, a little idea of the time required. In fact, he would be glad to receive from you anything that would give him a little enlightenment on the general proposition.

Yours very truly,

Secretary to Charles Edison.

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January 3, 1920.

Mr. I. W. Walker,
Secretary to Charles Edison,
Thos. A. Edison Laboratories,
Orange, N. J.

My dear Mr. Walker:

I am in receipt of your letter of December 31st,
with reference to the family history of
Mr. Charles Edison.

I am enclosing a blank chart which if you will have
Mr. Edison fill in as fully as possible, giving
names, dates, places of residence, etc., and
return to this office, I can then give you a
better idea of the time involved and my fees,
etc. Better yet, if you could arrange for me
to see Mr. Edison for a very few minutes, I am
sure we could come to a proper and satisfactory
understanding. If you can arrange the appoint-
ment, you may make it either at this office or
at Mr. Edison's.

Thanking you for your courtesy in this matter and
hoping to hear from you at your earliest con-
venience with reference to it, I am

Cordially,

Viola Root Cameron

VRC/FM.

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA

let her come out sometime

?

TELEPHONE VANDERBILT 1163

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47 WEST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK

January 14, 1920.

Mr. I. W. Walker,
Sec'y to Charles Edison,
Edison Laboratories,
Orange, N. J.

Dear Sir:

Confirming our conversation over the phone, of yesterday, I beg to state that I shall be very pleased to make an appointment to meet your Mr. Charles Edison, as suggested by you, in a week or ten days, and will at that time call you by phone for definite appointment.

Very truly yours,

JPG/FM.

MEMBER
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BIOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY
LONG ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA

*Mr. Edison:
Mr. Sage called up
hence the above -
JRC*

*No obligation?
Absolutely no
obligation -
Sage
JRC*

TELEPHONE VANDERBILT 1183

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47 WEST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK

January 21, 1920.

Mr. I. W. Walker,
Sec'y to Charles Edison,
Edison Laboratories,
West Orange, N. J.

Dear Sir:

Confirming our conversation over
the phone of even date, I beg to remind you
that you are to phone me within the next
few days relative to an appointment with Mr.
Charles Edison.

Thanking you for this courtesy,

I am

Very truly yours,

JPG/FM.

J. Root Cameron
Mrs. Cameron called twice 1/16
and is to visit Mr. Edison's daughter
about going at 7:30 Mon. 26/20

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GENEALOGIST
47 WEST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK

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January 27th, 1920.

Mr. Charles Edison,
Thos. A. Edison Laboratories,
Orange, N. J.

My dear Mr. Edison:

With reference to our conversation of yesterday I wish to add that in the event of your employing us to compile your family history, we will attend to the publishing of same and obtaining such photographs of people and of places, signatures, coats-of-arms, objects, etc, which you may care to have incorporated in same. In fact we will attend to all details pertaining to compiling and publishing.

The particular method I recommend to you is what we call Family Annals or perhaps more properly should be called a Genealogical and Biographical History of the life and ancestors of Thos. A. Edison and his wife, Mina Miller.

It will be a wonderful book and should be placed as a memorial to Mr. Edison and to his ancestors who are responsible for his existence - in every Historical and Genealogical Library of the world - as Mr. Edison belongs not only to America but to all civilized peoples.

Hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience and that we may have the pleasure of serving you, I am

Cordially,

MEMBER
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HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Viola Root Cameron

ROBERT I. PARK, PROPRIETOR

Carolyn takes Edith's girl if
Connie Edith's girl has
you can get some on
I can't get some on class.

THE ST. ELMO

CHAUTAQUA, N. Y.

Oct. 16 - 1921

My darlings Charles and Carolyn.

Edgewise and I am extremely
busy getting things under way for the
little cottage - tomorrow or more all
the contents of the little cottage over
to Rachel's house. We took an inventory
of all the linen and various things
today and Edgewise with A's Sunday
packed china & glass yesterday while
I planned and talked over house
& garden with architect, landscape
gardener, carpenter and vice
President of the ground. It is hard
to get started some way and I am as
reluctant to have it a little gone. The
surroundings are a little against me
but I think something will come of it.
Edgewise has been such a comfort and
aid to me, dear girl! I am hoping
for a beautiful ride home. It has been
ideal so far. Since arriving here I have
been busy - had dinner with Aunt
Grace when my left Madison.
Goodnight - love to Charlotte - Ben & Alice
to your best, Lovingly, Mother.

Sunnish Lodge -
Mar. 24, 1922.

My darlings Charles & Carolyn
Well you both are darlings!
Down here I see you in all around
me. We drove to Punta Passa this
afternoon. I wish that the original
man and woman had been
there for your wedding supper.
They are great characters. If it is
pleasant we are going to take the
funds up there for an original sup-
per. I think it will be fun.
How I wish that you both were
here enjoying the water, the place,
and the singular birds. Papa is
as happy as can be and is working
in the place of it all. He will
come home much rested & much
calmer. He is all right about
the Benson affair. He sees
and realizes that you have to
have some experience in life.

He had to go thru many a little
thing but he claims that he
is here to advise you but he
understands and seems to
feel all right about things. Don't
worry, put it down as austin
lesson. I do not know all the
particulars but I do know that
you have done the homework
thing and all is well. We can
only profit by our mistakes.
As Papa says he will never do it
again. You are all right Charles
dear and Papa is as proud of
you as a peacock. He thinks
you are fine. He realizes that
everybody makes mistakes &
says that you are learning. Keep
bravely on, simply growing and
growing - Don't hurry. When some
thing has gone wrong put that
back of you and do better next
time. Think for the love of your work.

My little Jim wishes to just fight in the
business and that is a constant reminder
of your doubts and long nights.
Thank you for reading me Elly. You
are not blood deer and my paper is
constantly for your happiness, peace & joy.
The joy being and coming in my feet for
the health and sweet mid way Betty
having my feelings.
Goodnight - God bless & keep you.
Love to your mother, Charlotte & Sam.
Dorothy Mather.

SEMINOLE LODGE
FORT MYERS, FLORIDA

April 17-1922

My darling Charles + Carolyn

Florida, beautiful

Morning just dawned to have
to leave it. Hasn't been so re-
laxed and happy. It is ideal.

We leave Thursday afternoon
April 20th arriving home
Saturday. Thank you and

Carolyn many, many times
for the beautiful cabin like
they were charming and the
stay of Fort Myers.

God bless you both and please
be a little flat to me.

Love + kisses

Dorothy Mullen.

THE LEWIS MILLER COTTAGE
CHAUTAUQUA, N. Y.

June 21-1922

My darlings Charles & Carolyn.

Things are under way.
Mrs. Gardley arrived this morning
and Mrs. Childs arrives this
afternoon with Mrs. Ford yet to
be heard from. Aunt Grace is
here in the house, Aunt Mary
& Aunt Louise in Paclula's
house using this house as
they care to during the day. I
wish that you might see this
place before it is marred in
the least for it really is beauti-
ful just now. Everybody is
explaining over its beauty.

Uncle Grace has her Auto her
sister George to drive, as we are
quite comfortable. It keeps a
better cool, as one is not tempted
to take long drives had one the
time. Tonight is the real
opening and I am to get up on
that platform and make
my welcoming speech. I do hope
that I will not disgrace my-
self but do credit to my darling
father & mother and my living
family. Thank you again
and again for the welcoming
telegram. You are dear to
think of it and it was here
when we arrived.

I am going in to save my hair
now and to rest a bit, so sister

beams of her and trying that you
is constantly improving so that you do
not feel that you are your appearance
I am heartily -
Parker

THE LEWIS MILLER COTTAGE
CHAUTAQUA, N. Y.

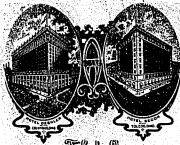
July 14, 1922

My darling Charles & Carolyn.

Thank you for your letter
which I greatly appreciated seeing to
your pleasure of business with
Climate of Range. (I have just
written a letter to Miss Bibber so
I am a little shaky) It is just
now four o'clock in the morning
but I woke up and had some
papers & things I wanted to go over
so decided to do them when every
thing was quiet. I am sure
Madeline is going to like it here
as she gets settled after we are
gone. They will have plenty of
room there and no one to
interfere with their plans. Both
Mrs. Adams & Madeline spend

much time in making as I
think they will be happy together. No
one can make plans for another.
Father, Mother & I start for home
July 5th and Elma will return
by train with the truck. I am
hoping that we can stop and pay
a call upon Mrs. Thompson but
the prospect that we may not do it.
You know Charles we must have
father dear examined by some
fin doctor for he is changing so
much I am quite concerned -
I might instead of coming into our
home he walked into Mrs. Thimings
with down - thinking of something
else of course, but as in the
father dear. Something is wrong.
The birds are waking and I
must get some material together
as will say farewell for the

promise as I shall see you soon. 9411
Appreciate your letter, mother & I hope you will
please write again soon if you should receive
additional news. Hope that you and
Charles will see the lake every before it is
all out of you. When I come back I will
if perhaps you can come with me.
Write back I love & being you soon
Sincerely yours
Dorothy Mott.



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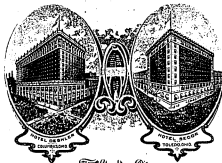
Mr. & Mrs. Charles
Lemlyer Park
Inst Range
N. J.



Toledo, O. Aug 29. 1923

My darlings Charles & Carolyn.

Here we are on our homeward
journey. We left the Forda at 2.20 P.M.
A. had storm so we stopped here at 3.45
Not great progress on our way to Pittsburg
Foster says that we must be ready to
start at 8 A. M. Thursday morning. He
says now we are running things ourselves
no more 10 o'clock sleeping. I think he
is another man now since he has
matters in his own way. Mrs. Ford
said this morning that she had not
seen him since Esq. and Jim
on the whole trip as this morning. Antici-
pation I think of being his own
master. We will have it to the mark



Hotel de Ville, Paris.

now I can tell you. I dont know how long we shall be getting home but I imagine four to five days any way. Im may spend a day in Pittsburg, possibly two if he will consent. I would like to. He is beginning to think that he should get home so I guess there is no more loitering.

I had in ^a way getting home as I shall find the rooms all repair and I keep wondering how the light rooms are going to effect me. I fear which I shall not, that I am going to miss the new subdued Colosseum. After the luxury of the Fordas Mrs. Babin and I are both glad that we are having some total life



Toledo, O.

between as the change might be too sudden otherwise.

We have had a wonderful time and are now having a little letting down -

I will telegraph from Aunt Grace's there to expect us. We are on our homeward leg.

Goodnight, dearie ones - Hope that you have kept well and are not too tired from the long summer. Hope that you are settled in house and maids. Love & kisses

Devotedly yours

Charles you will have to visit the Ford plant. It is a great organization but too appalling.

My darling Charles -

We went over to the Palace to-
night to the Monie. It was very good. Little
or some such name in the the Land of
Sakara or some such name. The comedy
was good too. Florence & Nancy have gone
to Aunt Mary's so Kester John was here
with us. He goes tomorrow for over
Sunday - I miss you tremendously but
I do hope that you are getting a good rest.
It is strange to me to ^{see} that father seems
like a fine artist, always some musician
musician. I always feel that he will never
get any music until he gets some decent
musical man but he will stick to
walk with.

There is giving me great apprehension
just at present. I feel as though I should
go up there but I have written for him
to come home instead. Of course I don't
know that he will be over the next time
if he gets the wrong girl it will certainly
break my heart. If she should be any
thing but true to him I don't know

What I would do. It would be a great
tragedy. He certainly will love deeply any
one that he does care for.

You have had two lonely days now so I
hope that you have had two. If there is
a conviction up there I don't believe
father will care to come. I shall ask
him. Is Mrs. Dear showing you ab-
-her beautiful times & china? She
has occasion of it? Are you getting any
fishing? I do hope so.

Mrs. Dear has been one one evening for
dinner & the movie. I shall have her
again and probably take her with us on
the drive Sunday. She must be lonely -
Jack is visiting me now and is
having a great time. Little Pete has
been sick. His dad, from a cold, has
been bad. - Impatience 103 - Madeline
has had a nurse several days -

Aunt Lou & Margaret are coming over
for a little visit - I am having -
luncheon June 3rd of the very little set.
Mr. Tompkins. Mrs. Clegg. - Mrs. Garrison - Mrs.
Rehman - Mrs. - Mrs. Chubb. Madeline.

possibly Mrs. Neuch - I also intend giving
another lunch next week if I can get
it in. Mrs. Brown, Miss Susan
Brown, Mrs. Alexander King, possibly
her two daughters, etc. I feel very guilty
in not entertaining my friends more
and this coming year I mean to do
more of it. Is it not delightful the
way they have music at Geneva House?
That has been my aim and desire
ever since I have had a home and es-
pecially since realizing how delightfully
restful it was when we were at Geneva
House. That sitting before the fire reading
in a beautiful quiet surrounding is
what I call making home. If our
women could get the quiet home atmosphere
instead of always thinking there must be
hurry-burry! every time they meet what
a blessing to our people. Conversation
on interesting topics, reading fine books,
listening to wonderful compositions by
our great masters - I have tried it several
times but some way it has not worked
as yet - I am going to make another

ing. I think the reason, in fact. I know
the reason, is that father dean is bored
by such things and wants nothing
to interfere with his going and coming.
If I have any one he is sure to want to
go to the movie or something. When I tried
having people for dinner he would not
enter in and made it embarrassing
so I gave it up. I have my problem of
keeping things right for him, you see.

I have just spoken to father about the
convention at Epauz Passus. He is disap-
pointed about it. He thinks if it is
pleasant he might come up but said
that he didn't think we ought to bother
you. I imagine he would enjoy getting
being out of a crowd but he does like
better being independant. At Mrs. Deer
we would be at their call where in
the Deer we could do as we please.
Would it not be better for us not
to plan ^{not} to come at all? Father dean
wanted the lovely sides up there and then to
fight with you. I guess we would bother
you and we better go some other place.

You need absolute relaxation and
free as long as possible from business.
If you and Jack could just fish and
enjoy each other without business entering in
how wonderful it would be. I would love
to see you go off with him fishing, sitting
stories and just being boys together.

Jack is with us just now and we are
planning to take a ride after a shower
but I guess if we wait for the shower
we will not get out as the shower will
come just as we start.

Why did you give up Mrs. Walter for your
washing? She is here finishing some
ironing for us.

I guess I should go up to Boston and
meet Gordon's friends - not to appear to
be doing it for that purpose but just
go up for instance.

With love and kisses. I asked Mrs.
Harkins to dine with us this afternoon
but she has company. God bless you both.

Lovingly
Dorothy.

May 24 - 1904.

This is Sunday. I have written your letter at various places and circumstances and hardly know what I have written or whether it will convey anything to you. We went up to the Mission at New Village today and now after supper Father is sleeping on the sofa, radio is playing some tunes, while I am again speaking with you. Jack is in bed. I am alone but like it. Miss you tremendously. It seems strange not to have your feet when I can call you up.

We will do just whatever your telegraph us to do for next Sunday. Father does not want to bother you so don't hesitate to tell us just how you feel. Dr. King wants us to come to see him so we could go there. There are lots of places we can go so don't hesitate to tell us whether it is not more useful for you to have your feet rest and vacation.

Goodnight again. Love & Missions. I hardly know that this is Sunday. Being all dead and pale's confusion just now. And to bid you - Lovingly, Mother.

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Form 1201B

SYMBOLS

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DEF	Deferred
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56N FAE 11

CLEVELAND OHIO 905A SEP 13 1926

MRS CHAS EDISON

CR MISS SHILLINGER 14 W 55ST NEWYORK NY

ARRIVED HOTEL HOLLENDEN CLEVELAND JUST NOW FINE WEATHER EVERYTHING OK
LOVE

C

925A

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111N FAE 33 BLUE

CHICAGO ILL 850A SEP 14 1926

MRS CHARLES EDISON

CR MISS SHILLINGER 14 W 55 ST NEWYORK NY

CLEVELAND SHOW SUCCESS BEYOND EXPECTATIONS ATTENDANCE 165 MOVIE
WILL RECEIVED NEW CABINETS GREATED WITH GREAT APPLAUSE TRAFALGAR BROWN
WENT OVER OK PALMER HOUSE CHICAGO-NOW EVERYTHING LOVELY BUT
MISS YOU LOVE

C

1053A

CLASS OF SERVICE

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WESTERN UNION

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

SYMBOLS

DLR	Day Letter
NMT	Night Message
NL	Night Letter
LD	Deferred
CL	Cable Letter
WET	Week End Letter

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471N PPF 33

CHICAGO ILL 629P SEP 15 1926

MRS CHARLES EDISON

CARE MISS SHILLINGER 14 WEST 55 ST NEWYORK NY

CHICAGO BETTER THAN CLEVELAND STOP PICTURE AND SPEACHES INTERRUPTED
 BY SPONTANEOUS APPLAUSE EVERYTHING GOING GREAT WENT TO ROOM
 IMMEDIATELY AFTER BANQUET AND SPENT QUIET DAY TODAY FEEL FINE
 STATLER HOTEL STLOUIS TOMORROW LOVE

C

810P

CLASS OF SERVICE	SYMBOL
TELEGRAM	
DAY LETTER	DLR
NIGHT MESSAGE	NMT
NIGHT LETTER	NL

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TELEGRAM

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

GEORGE W. E. STRINE, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

CLASS OF SERVICE	SYMBOL
TELEGRAM	
DAY LETTER	DLR
NIGHT MESSAGE	NMT
NIGHT LETTER	NL

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Received at

243G FGP 29 NL THOS A EDISON

ORANGE NJ SEP 15 1926

MRS CHARLES EDISON

14 WEST 55 ST NEWYORK NY

MISSING YOU VERY MUCH THINKING OF YOU CONSTANTLY BUT CHARLES
 FORBADE VISITS OR ANY ATTENTION STOP YOU ON STEAMER STOP
 CANT RESIST OCCASIONAL NOTE HOPE FOR RAPID IMPROVEMENT LOVE

MOTHER.

904P

CP

CLASS OF SERVICE

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WESTERN UNION

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Form 1241B

SYMBOLS

DL	Day Letter
MTM	Night Message
NL	Night Letter
LD	Deferred
CV	Cable Letter
WLT	Week End Letter

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Received at

DB422 46 NL DALLAS TEX 19

MRS CHARLES EDISON,

CARE OF MISS SHELLINGER 14 WEST 55 ST NEWYORK NY.
 SPENT QUIET SUNDAY DALLAS SLEEPING MOST OF AFTERNOON
 KANSASCITY WENT OVER BUT NOT AS WELL AS OTHERS DUE TO ONE
 MANAGER FALLING DOWN ON JOB WE FIRED HIM A LITTLE TIRED
 BUT HAPPY ABOUT EVERYTHING EXCEPT YOU NOT BEING WITH ME
 THINGS LOOK OK HERE LOVE.

C.

Form 1264

CLASS OF SERVICE	SYMBOL
TELEGRAM	
DAY LETTER	DL
NIGHT MESSAGE	MTM
NIGHT LETTER	NL

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WESTERN UNION



TELEGRAM

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

CLASS OF SERVICE	SYMBOL
TELEGRAM	
DAY LETTER	DL
NIGHT MESSAGE	MTM
NIGHT LETTER	NL

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Received at 1026 6 AVE

441N FPF 39 BLUE

DALLAS TEX 443P SEP 21 1926

MRS CHARLES EDISON

CARE MISS SHILLINGER 14 WEST 55 ST NEWYORK NY
 THINGS GOING SO WELL IM HAPPY AS A KING ABOUT IT DALLAS BEST YET
 LEAVE FOR NEWORLEANS TODAY NO HITCH OF ANY KIND HERE AM KEEPING
 WELL MISS YOU TERRIBLY AND GLAD TRIP IS MORE THAN HALF OVER LOVE

C

608P

CLASS OF SERVICE

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WESTERN UNION

NEWCOMB CARLSON, PRESIDENT J. C. WILKES, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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RECEIVED AT 328 MAIN STREET (COR. ESSEX AVE.), ORANGE, N. J.

SYMBOLS

DAY	Day Letter
NITE	Night Message
NL	Night Letter
DEF	Deferred
CST	Cable Letter
WLT	Week End Letter

246N FGQ 38 BLUE

NEWORLEANS LA 530P SEP 23 1926

MRS CHAS EDISON

LLEWELLYN PARK ORANGE NJ

DONT KNOW HOW WE MADE OUT HERE UNDEMONSTRATIVE FEW COMMENTS
MAY CHANGE PLANS GOING DIRECT FROM ATLANTA TO PITTSBURGH BUT
WILL WIRE LATER ON THIS WELL HAPPY EXCEPT OF COURSE LOVE
WIRE ME BILTMORE ATLANTA HOW YOU ARE

TELEPHONE NO. *5107*
TELEPHONE CO. *ATLANTA*
TIME *8:30 PM*
BY *WJ*
ATTEMPTS

C
750P

CLASS OF SERVICE

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WESTERN UNION

NEWCOMB CARLSON, PRESIDENT J. C. WILKES, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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SYMBOLS

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DEF	Deferred
CST	Cable Letter
WLT	Week End Letter

238N FGQ 75

AB ATLANTA GA 615P SEP 23 1926

MRS CHARLES EDISON

LLEWELLYN PARK ORANGE NJ

HAVE DECIDED EVERYTHING WILL WORK OUT BETTER IF WE GO DIRECT TO
PITTSBURGH FROM HERE WILL LEAVE PITTSBURGH TUESDAY NIGHT SO WILL
SEE YOU WEDNESDAY INSTEAD OF SUNDAY HOPE YOU CAN GO TO BOSTON WITH US
BUT YOU MUST NOT TAKE ANY CHANCES WILL WIRE WHERE AND WHEN TO MEET ME IN
NY WEDNESDAY TELL ALL THE FAMILY TO BE SURE TO ATTEND BANQUET WEDNESDAY/
EVERYTHING WENT BEAUTIFULLY HERE CRAZY TO SEE YOU LOVE

TELEPHONE No. *833*
TELEPHONE CO. *ATLANTA*
TIME *8:30 PM*
BY *WJ*
ATTEMPTS

C

820P

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WESTERN UNION

SYMBOLS

DLX	Day Letter
NM	Night Message
NL	Night Letter
DEF	Deferred
CL	Cable Letter
WEL	Week End Letter

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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RECEIVED AT 328 MAIN STREET (COR. ESSEX AVE.), ORANGE, N. J.

2260 27 BLUE. LOS ANGELES CALIF 16 530P

MRS CHARLES EDISON.
ORANGE NJ.

1927 JUL 16 PM 9 36

JUST ARRIVED BILTMORE LOS ANGELES AFTER STRENUOUS BUT
SUCCESSFUL STAY IN SAN FRANCISCO ELATED OVER COLBY DEAL
SORRY ORANGE SO HOT LEAVING TUESDAY FOR OGDEN UTAH
LOTS OF IT!

C.

TELEPHONE No. *25107*
TELEPHONED TO *W.C. 9500 PB*
TIME *9:37 AM*
BY *B* TO BE *W.C. 9500 PB*
ATTEMPTS TO DELIVER

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WESTERN UNION

SYMBOLS

DLX	Day Letter
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NL	Night Letter
DEF	Deferred
CL	Cable Letter
WEL	Week End Letter

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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RECEIVED AT 328 MAIN STREET (COR. ESSEX AVE.), ORANGE, N. J. 1927 JUL 6 PM 9 47

N 315 18. CHICAGO ILL 16 815P

MRS CHARLES EDISON.

TELEPHONE LLEWELLYN PARK WESTORANGE NJ.

JUST LEAVING ON CAR N 61 OVERLAND LIMITED ARRIVING
SAN FRANCISCO SATURDAY AM GOOD TRIP SO FAR LOVE.

CHARLES.

TELEPHONE No. *25107*
TELEPHONED TO *W.C. 9500 PB*
TIME *1:00 PM*
BY *B* TO BE *W.C. 9500 PB*
ATTEMPTS TO DELIVER

LLEWELLYN PARK, WEST ORANGE,
NEW JERSEY

Aug. 19 - 1927

My darling Charles.

Thank you for sending me
the card of Mrs. John Bowles Jeffrey.
I cannot place her but probably
saw her in suit when in
California.

I am glad that you had
such a successful trip and
had such a good time. It seems
to have rested you some.

You are a darling and my
constant prayer is that I may be
worthy such a son and a coun-
selor to him. Lovingly
Mother.

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WESTERN UNION

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

J. G. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Form 1201 B

SYMBOLS

DAY	Day Letter
NM	Night Message
NL	Night Letter
DEF	Deferred
CL	Cable Letter
WEL	Week End Letter

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Received at:
1026 SIXTH AVE., N.Y.
126N X 1 12

BH CHICAGO ILL 1041A NOV 14 1927

MRS CHARLES EDISON

CARE MISS SHILLINGER 14 WEST 55 ST

JUST ARRIVED BLACKSTONE CHICAGO DISAGREEABLE AS USUAL BUT HAD GOOD TRIP LOVE

C

12P

Form 1201 B

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WESTERN UNION

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

J. G. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

SYMBOLS

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CL	Cable Letter
WEL	Week End Letter

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Received at 1026 SIXTH AVE., N.Y.

204N FX 1 14 3 EXTRA VIA FI

BH CHICAGO ILL VIA ORANGE NJ NOV 15 1927

MRS CHARLES EDISON

CARE MISS SHILLINGER 14 WEST 55 ST

CHICAGO STILL CHICAGO GOOD DAY YESTERDAY BOTH BUSINESS AND PAPER LOVE

C F

157P

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WESTERN UNION

Form 1201-B

SYMBOLS

DL	Day Letter
NM	Night Message
NL	Night Letter
DD	Deferred
CL	Cable Letter
WEL	Week End Letter

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

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Received at

CJ687-13 NITE, CHICAGO ILL 17

MRS CHARLES EDISER.

CARE OF MISS SHILLINGER, 14 WEST 55 ST NEWYORK NY.

LEAVING NOW VIA ERIE WILL SEE YOU SATURDAY MORNING BUSY,
 PROFITABLE SESSION LOVE.

C.

1927 NOV 17

PM 11 04

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WESTERN UNION

Form 12018

SYMBOLS

DAY	Day Letter
NITE	Night Message
NL	Night Letter
DEF	Deferred
CBL	Cable Letter
WE	Week End Letter

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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Received at 328 Main Street, Orange, N. J.

N26 8. CLEVELAND OHIO 5 935A

1928 JAN 5 AM 10 01

MRS CHARLES EDISON.

LLEWELLYN PARK WESTORANGE N.J.

JUST ARRIVED SAFE & SOUND HOTEL CLEVELAND LOVE.

.C.C.

05/107 Mrs Charles Edison
S 1004
Wed

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WESTERN UNION

Form 12018

SYMBOLS

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NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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Received at 328 Main Street, Orange, N. J.

1928 JAN 5 PM 5 58

N242 13. CL CLEVELAND OHIO 5 520P

MRS CHARLES EDISON.

LLEWELLYN PARK WESTORANGE N.J.

EVERYTHING OK HERE BUT DO YOU THINK I SHOULD COME HOME WORRIED LOVE.

.C.C.

On 5/107
RECEIVED BY Mrs Charles Edison
TELE No. 5733
@ J. C. Willever

Form 1251B

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NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

J. C. WILLYER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

SYMBOLS

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N	Night Letter
DEF	Deferred
C	Cable Letter
WEEK	Week End Letter

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Received at 328 Main St., Orange, N. J.

1928 JAN 7 PM 5 07

N165 9.CL CLEVELAND OHIO 7 451P

CHARLES EDISON.

LLEWELLYN PARK WESTORANGE NJ.

ARRIVE MARKET ST 730 AM SUNDAY LOVE,

.C.

TO

BY

ATTENTION

CALL NO.

Or
5707
Mr. Charles Edison
5:20 p
a
mel

Seminole Lodge-

1 April 28-1928

My darling Charles and Carolyn.

While waiting for Mr. Pearson
G. Collier and Col. D.B. McKay, mayor
of Tampa to arrive. I thought I would
occupy the time writing to you.
It is a very exciting time down
here with the people as tomorrow
opens officially the Tamiami Trail
which is just 150 miles of it from
here to Miami - They are pouring
in here from all directions in
order to start in the morning
on the drive. It takes about three
hours and a half at a nice pace
to reach Miami from here. It is
marvelous, the road perfect. ~~The~~
dear and I must over when we
went to the Firestones. She can

go there and back ⁱⁿ one day, having
luncheon & visit there, and not
mind it in the least. The roads
are like floors. One just glides.
We are opening our gates for the
three days and people are just
wandering around, talking and
admiring, the desire to see the "great
man" and his family is keen. There
will be no grass left in this place.
It is pretty bare as it is as we have
been doing some digging and laying
of pipes so I imagine this will
finish it. I only hope that they
will not feel privileged to go into the
house. Father dear and I are
here in our bedroom. Deacon
has a little stomach ache (?). Poor
dear he is very thin but firm.
He just seems happy, contented
and busy. He is making progress
and loves his work.

3
Well, dearie, it has been hard to
work so far away - If I had asked
further the direct question when you
telephoned I think he would have
consented then. He said all right
that night but made the reservation
that he did not want it called
the Edison Radio Set. Well after
telling him that you wanted it
just as Edison Current - Edison
Batteries, Edison Illuminating Co.
etc. he at first said nothing after
I had written it out in this way
so I asked him again you are
willing - He said 'why, yes'; Charles
is running it isn't he? He seemed
satisfied to loan it to you, in fact
I think he feels a little flattered
to loan a radio bringing him into
that picture but did not want to
exactly say so - That is the way Spize
it up - He made the remark, when

I asked again ⁴ whether he understood that he was using it as Edison Radio, that "it did not mean much to me any way". He is light headed and runs all right. It is hard for him to give in but I really think he is relieved that you are doing it. He does not think it will help business - any and he does not want his name associated with any thing not perfect or as near so as possible. He is proud of his name and justly so and does not want a thing done to injure his reputation. I feel sure that you have a good thing or would not do it and I believe that he believes so too. He also said that you boys are doing the thing now and had to have a way. It is wonderful how absolutely he has given things over. I think just getting dinner & business

wrote his ⁵ rubber specimen. It
seems Mr. Ford is putting up a
little laboratory of his own reptiles
and they are planning good times.
I am enclosing the telegram and
my answer. I was on the way
to the telegraph office - It was this
way - I asked him to go a little
early to the movie as I wanted to
send a telegram - He started and
just as we got on the steps to leave
the house for some unknown
reason he said, you are not
sending a telegram to Charles
are you? I was dumbfounded
as he wanted to see the telegram.
When you read it you will see
why I did not want to let him
see it - So I said wait until we
get to the telegraph office - All -
right it is too dark here. It came

out of a clear sky⁶ as I had made
it clear to him according to your
telegram to me not saying that I
had had any telegram from you.
Well for some reason he scolded
a mouse - Now he said you
must have had some sort or some
reason for sending this telegram
as I have telegraphed Charles that it
is all right to go ahead - Well damn
I had some anxious moments.
He asked for your telegram so I
simply had to tell him that you
had telegraphed him a message
but I would get a copy. I had
left him at home as I had
his consent all right without
showing him the telegrams.
Well I went to the telegraph man,
asked for a copy, he said it would
take ten minutes to get it from
Tampa. In the mean time

I had sent Scarth up to the house
and had him bring back the
telegram from home thinking
I might see time - faster watching
the clock for the movie and ten
minutes seemed so long - I was
in dread lest father dear would
go all to pieces before my eye.
It arrived all right - I slipped
outside while he read the copy -
He read it and put it in his
pocket without comment. I longed
for him to send ^{you a telegram} ^{right then} but he said
morning would do - I decided
the silence - but thought best to
bide my time so said nothing. In
the morning I cautiously said, did
you telegraph Charles; if so let me
have my little secretary send it. He
said yes and gave it to me to read.
Mrs. Seminy did not come today so
you can imagine how I hurriedly
got on my hat and took the message

to the office. Oh, the relief of that moment
when he gave me the telegram to read.
I would not trust Freddie Ott to take
it but I took it. I would not trust
Freddie Ott around the corner.

Something must have misled the
first telegram as they tell me no
message was sent before the
date of your telegram and last
night or two nights ago. Freddie in-
sists that he gave the message to
Freddie to send. My opinion is
that Freddie Ott is a mischief maker
and I don't believe he has any
scruples. (Just my feeling)

Will anyway the deed is done and
I am so happy that Justice is
agreed as I am sure that you
and Theodore are regarding the family
name and not letting your money
gain govern your methods.

It is wonderful here today - It was
very warm and then we had a
thunder storm which cleared
the atmosphere so that we have

had two beautiful days. I wish one
could actually see what the weather
would be as then one could be
more anxious to have you come
down but I do not want any one
to come and be uncomfortable so
I think it unwise to venture. It
would be nice for you check as
you like hot weather but I am
afraid a little hard on Carolyn. Any
way it would be wonderful if you
both were here. After this week I
imagine things will be very quiet.

I am enclosing all the letters
and the message of Collier - Sent
you all papers letting of the designs
here -

No letter came & I so longed for it.
Goodnight - God bless you both and
"Ma" Yours lovingly

Mother

60
Mr. Collins has just gone. He has offered us his yacht to go to the Everglades but I am sure Father has refused. I would like to see the fair at the Everglades. The Indians would be particularly interesting to me. He has a house in nearly every county as far as I can make out. No money for me. You know too much in a gay kitchen - there is nothing in it. He is not a happy man, just driven to death, worried every minute and his wife - not in sympathy with him. Live in the simple life - both lacking that kind of life laugh occasionally but often sullen.

I have been living and living and living next you darlings. I have selected something on the piano that seems to fit each one and then I play it and think of you. It is great for some way I feel you nearer than in any other way. I see you in all around me but I like the little quiet hour of music.

Will dearies I must not take more of your time - I wish you were all here for the great event.

Love and kisses - Mother.

Scenic Lodge -
May 1st 1928.

Darling Charles.

Freddie came to me about this and thinks the Otter deserve a great deal. I always think that they know on which side their bread was buttered but nevertheless if he can be helped I said I would forward the letter.

It is beautiful down here and it makes me sad to think none of you are enjoying it. Next year it may be hot and there too no body here this year, Jack & I have been all alone.

I must go will write again soon -

Love
Lovingly Mother.

SEMINOLE LODGE
FORT MYERS, FLORIDA

May 7, 1928.

Darling Charles Thank you many, many times
for your wonderful letter as much as I love to re-
ceive it. I feel worried that you weary yourself in
writing such a long letter. I know that you are
very kind and sweet, and I am to be reassured
and not look for letters but the fact is weak and
it certainly did my heart good to get such a darling
letter. I do am wishing but cannot get the paper
now from and I can in speaking very soon
may about for the darkness making very sure
for them. The falling in is about 1/2 inch and
now for the work of the planting. Then too I am trying
to do a little public work. My present job is to try
to help beautify "Sightly Hill". A number of them

Books are supposed to be busy this afternoon
in filling up some places around the school
You are talking over street. Tomorrow morning
I will drive over and see what they did. Every
body is stirred up on beating your down town. I am
trying to finish my year's class, reading to write
these papers down in, and all the building that
is under construction. Paper things at hand
After something is over. I think it will be finished
this year. It has been everything but peaceful.
Such activity? Father darling it is happy as a king.
He has grown very, very thin but seems well. It
will shock you. It is to see how thin he is. He eats
so little. - Bill quite some a real letter. I am
picking up the papers. I read out to send you
just that father dear, discomf. + I had to leave
quicker some more. Love to all. God bless you. Truly
yours,

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CHARLES EDISON=

625707

EDISON LABORATORY WESTORANGE NJ=

HOPE TO LEAVE MAY TWELFTH FATHER TAKING FIFTEENTH SURELY
 WOULD GO TO LAYING OF CORNER STONE IF THERE USE YOUR
 DISCRETION SEMINOLE AND WEATHER BEAUTIFUL WISH ALL WERE
 SEEING IT BEFORE ANOTHER STORM FATHER WELL LOSING WEIGHT
 WORK INTERESTING PROGRESSING MONDAY TOOUR DAY TRIP TO
 BROOKVILLE FLORIDA LOVE TO
 MOTHER.

TELEPHONE No.....
 TELEPHONE MONDAY TOOUR DAY TRIP TO
 TIME 5:35P
 BY TO BE J.C.W.
 ATTEMPTS
 DELIVER

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From: Fort Myers
To: Charles Edison

GLAD DINNER WAS SUCCESS . HEARD NOTHING. KNOW YOU FILLED
POSITION PERFECTLY. THANKS. MENS' CLUBS HERE PRESENTING
FATHERS FLAG TO HIM. WHAT SHAPE IS IT? HOW DO COLORS RUN?
LEAVE HERE MORNING JUNE 12th ARRIVING WEDNESDAY 13th.
FATHER WELL BUT THIN. WEATHER WONDERFUL. VERY BUSY.
LOVE TO ALL.

MOTHER.

H.

SEMINOLE LODGE
FORT MYERS, FLORIDA

Glad that you are getting Spring weather - so
far weather wonderful down here. Just
perfect and if I thought this would keep up,
I would urge you all to come down. It is
South Florida all in bloom & seeing the
Horseshoe of many trees never seen before -
It is fine that things are coming in the
business way but don't make yourself too
dead. So glad that you are feeling bet-
ter. When I was about to start out wrote the
enclosed telegram just as said, "You are

not telegraphing Charles are you? and
wanted to see the telegram. It happened
to be dark and I said that I would send
it to you. I got to the telegraph office. So then
I showed him your second telegram not
letting him see because for I was afraid he
would feel hurt. I was afraid of having
him go to pieces but he said nothing and
in went to the house. I tried to get him to see
your telegram before the house but he seemed not
inclined to do so and I did not press it but felt
so sorry that I could not deliver your secret
that night just in the morning I got the tele-
gram of as you intended. Did not open it -
I didn't like to. I'll tell myself - I'm a
man as glad for everything.

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OFFICE OF
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JAMESTOWN, TENN.

June 18, 1929.

Mr. Charles Edison,
Laboratory of Thomas Edison,
Orange, New Jersey.

My dear Mr. Edison:

I am pleased to acknowledge with a great deal of pleasure, receipt of your kind letter of June 3.

I have no hesitancy in assuring you, that I shall be delighted to cooperate with you in connection with one of your radio broadcasting programs. Indeed I feel honored and complimented.

Herewith I am indicating from list which you enclosed, those musical selections which always make special appeal to me.

With cordial and kind regards to you, and your highly honored and respected father, I remain

Very sincerely,

Battle Hymn Of The Republic,
But The Lord Is Mindful Of His Own (Mendelssohn)
Carry Me Back To-Old Virginny.
I Know That My Redeemer Liveth--Messiah (Handel)
Onward, Christian Soldiers. (Sullivan-Gould)
Silver Threads Among The Gold.
Stars And Stripes Forever March.
Swing Low Sweet Chariot
(Old Negro Spiritual)

Sgt Alvin C. York

(P. S. Shall appreciate receiving a notice in advance of date and hour selected by you for program in connection with the above.

SEMINOLE LODGE
FORT MYERS, FLORIDA

July 18, 1930

Darling Charles

This throw is for your
den or any place where you lie
down to be quiet and rest.

I do hope the lining will be all-
right - I am sending it up to
Alice Maynard without seeing
the lining - Cousin Edith -
picked out a salmon colored
lining but I thought I would
take one more on the line

of the wool, not so tight. I do
hope that it will come in
for use and that you will
enjoy it. You can let Carolyn
lie under it too sometimes.

I do hope that you will be with
you for ^{the} feeling of the real house
opening but I fear that we
will be too late. Father dear
seems to think your house
is going to be all right. He likes
a lot of room as you do.

Wishing you both all the joy
possible in life and that we
all may enjoy long years of
health, joy and prosperity.

Yours ever unkindly -

I must write a letter to Mr. Deering

for father dear - Love to Carolyn;

Edith has and begs you from

all home - Lovingly Mother.

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MR & MRS CHARLES EDISON=

ELLEWELLYN PARK WESTORANGE NJ=

LETTERS HAVE BEEN LIKE HENS TEETH BUT TRYING TO UNDERSTAND
YOUR BUSY DAYS GLAD HOUSE IS FINISHED WISH I WERE THERE TO
SEE IT ARE YOU PLEASED WITH EVERYTHING ARE YOU HAPPY SORRY
ABOUT THE BACK BUT HOPE IT IS BETTER WELL HERE BUT LONGING
FOR REST LOVE TO ALL

MOTHER

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New York, N. Y.
June 11, 1930.

Miss Shaw, Secretary to
Mr. Charles Edison,
% Thomas A. Edison,
Orange, New Jersey

Dear Miss Shaw:

I will greatly appreciate your courtesy in arranging an appointment for me with Mr. Edison to discuss research of his family history.

Very truly yours,

WM:AH

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MILAN CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

MILAN, OHIO, Dec 19, 1930.

Mr. Thos. A. Edison,
Orange, New Jersey.
Dear Sir,-

*Day I cannot
remember enough to
answer books only if you*

I wish to acknowledge receipt
of check from your office in the amount
of \$43.00 in payment of items covered by
enclosed invoice.

As we are making an effort to
complete the earlier records of our cem-
etery, I am taking the liberty of enclosing
copies of all cards in our files covering
known burials on the lot purchased by your
father, and am wondering if I could trouble
you to have some of the missing data sup-
plied on your father's card. Any further
information regarding burials on the lot
would be greatly appreciated.

Trusting that we are not imposing
upon good nature in making this request, and
assuring you of our appreciation of any in-
formation supplied, I am,

Very truly,

Wage Roberts

Secretary.

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THOMAS A. EDISON

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[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

ORIGINAL

Thos. A. Edison, Orange, N.J.

Milan, Ohio, Dec 18, 1930

JA.

To **Milan Cemetery Association** Dr.

Purchase Price	Lot No.	Sec.	\$
Endowment of <i>Whole</i>	Lot No. <i>199</i>	Sec. <i>Old Gene.</i>	\$ <i>25.00</i>
Grave	Lot No.	Sec.	\$
Sunday Funeral	Lot No.	Sec. (Extra Charge)	\$
Care of <i>Whole</i>	Lot No. <i>199-Old Gene.</i>	Sec. Season <i>1916-30 incl</i>	\$ <i>18.00</i>
Care of Vase	Lot No.	Sec. Season 19	\$
Care of Plants	Lot No.	Sec. Season 19	\$
Use of Receiving Vault	Month		\$
Foundations: Size	No. cu. ft.	@	per cu. ft. \$
			\$
			\$
Total			\$ <i>43.00</i>

In carrying out the plans upon which The Milan Cemetery has been laid out lot owners are earnestly requested to encumber their lots as little as possible, always remembering that the monument, or marker, is the distinctive mark.

To secure a good effect in the Cemetery, it is essential that every portion of it should be well cared for, as partial neglect would mar the beauty of the entire surroundings; therefore the care of all lots is assumed by the Trustees and an annual assessment is made upon each lot, except those that are endowed, to provide means to keep the Cemetery in good condition.

ANNUAL CHARGE FOR CARE OF LOTS

On lots of 100 sq. feet	-----\$1.00	On lots of 200 to 400 sq. feet	-----\$3.50
On lots of 200 sq. feet	-----2.00	Care of Vase or Plants	-----1.00

Provision is made for Perpetual Care of lots. Ask the Secretary. The Secretary is instructed to collect all back charges against a lot before issuing a permit for burial on lot.

BURIALS

Arrangements for a burial should be made at least twenty-four hours in advance of the time set for the funeral service, and the hour of the funeral should be so arranged that the grave may be properly filled and all surplus earth cleaned away before the hour for quitting work.

CHARGES

Opening and closing grave (child)	-----\$5.00	Extra charge when vault is used	-----\$2.00
Opening and closing grave (adult)	-----8.00	Use of Receiving Vault—First month	\$3.00—Each additional month 1.00

All service charges are payable in advance. No trees, plants or shrubs shall be planted on lots or graves, except by permission and under the direction of the Superintendent.

Please return this bill with remittance.
If address is changed please notify secretary.

Paid *Dec 18* 19*30*
Edw. Robert Secy.

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

Deed No.	Owner	Residence	
	EDISON, SAMUEL (Father of Thos A. Edison)		
		Lot No. 193	
		Whole	
		Old Cemetery Section	
		Date Purchased Sept 20, 1854.	
		Amount Paid \$ 6.00 Deed No.	
Deed No.	To Whom Transferred	Part Transferred	Date
			Date Endowed Dec 18, 1930.
			Amount Paid \$ 25.00 Cert. No.
Grave No.	Name of Interred	Residence	
1	Ann M. Dunham		
2	Samuel O. Edison		
3	Carlile S. Edison		
4	Eliza S. Edison		
5			
6	Burial, but no record		

X	X	X	X	X	X
1	2	3	4	5	6

6	5	4	3	2	1
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[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

Name	DUNHAM, ANN M.	Residence		Guide No.	40
Place of Burial:	Sec. Old Cem.	Lot No.	193	Half	Grave No. 1.
Date of Death	May 2, 1845	Age:	Years	Months	Days
Male or Female		Color		Still Born	
Native of					
Cause of Death					
Date of Burial					
Undertaker	Address				
Remarks:					
Charges:					
					Total \$
Paid by or Charged to	Address				

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

Name EDISON, SAMUEL O. Residence _____ Guide No. 41

Place of Burial: Sec. Old Cem. Lot No. 193 Half Grave No. 2

Date of Death July 17, 1843 Age: 3 Years 4 Months 12 Days

Male or Female Male Color White Still Born

Native of _____

Cause of Death _____

Date of Burial _____

Undertaker _____ Address _____

Remarks: Son of Samuel and Nancy Edison

Charges: _____

Paid by or Charged to _____ Address _____ Total \$ _____

Name EDISON, CARLILE S. Residence _____ Guide No. 41

Place of Burial: Sec. Old Cemetery Lot No. 193 Half Grave No. 3.

Date of Death Feb 14, 1842 Age: 6 Years 1 Months 6 Days

Male or Female Male Color White Still Born

Native of _____

Cause of Death _____

Date of Burial _____

Undertaker _____ Address _____

Remarks: Son of Samuel and Nancy Edison

Charges: _____

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[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

Guide No. 41

Name EDISON, ELIZA S.

Residence

Place of Burial: Sec. Old Cem. Lot No. 193 Half Grave No. 4

Date of Death Dec 13, 1847 Age: 3 Years 6 Months Days

Male or Female Female Color White Still Born

Native of

Cause of Death

Date of Burial

Undertaker

Address

Remarks: Daughter of Samuel and Nancy Edison

Charges:

Total \$

Paid by or Charged to

Address

Guide No. 41

Name EDISON, SAMUEL

Residence

Place of Burial: Sec. Old Cem Lot No. 193 Half Grave No.

Date of Death Age: Years Months Days

Male or Female Color White Still Born

Native of

Cause of Death

Date of Burial

Undertaker

Address

Remarks: No record of burial

Charges:

Total \$

Paid by or Charged to

Address

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January 2, 1931.

Milton Cemetery Association,
Milton,
Ohio.

Attn. Mr. Wade Roberts, Secretary.

Gentlemen:

We have your letter of December 19th to Mr. Edison, enclosing copies of the cards in your files covering burials in lot purchased by his father and requesting the information which you lack. Your letter was submitted to Mr. Edison, and he wishes me to write that he was only seven years old when they moved to Fort Huron, and therefore regrets that he does not remember enough to supply the information you request.

Yours very truly,

J. V. Miller
For Mr. Edison.

JVM

MRS. THOMAS A. EDISON
CENTRAL LIGHT
FORT MYERS, FLORIDA

Jan. 28-1931

Darling, darling Gladys..

My! I cannot bear to think of you going so far away. Being down here makes it seem even further. How my prayers shall be for your good and safe + happy return! If you meet with success that will be fine and I hope you will treat it as a game and not get worried over it. It is certainly a Herculean task to treat with Raschke. I never did like that Monot, He and Hulet are a pair. Then to that awful Buchmann! How can I ever faint that you can out wit them and still come home victorious. Just keep your head clear and be master of every situation. Don't let your foot slip by a hair's breadth. Remember that you have loving hearts at home that are near to you and your happiness than anything in the world can offer.

Remember, Charles dear, to turn to
the strength that is beyond ourselves
and ever keep that faith. May God
Hear, protect and keep the always,
my darling one.

Happiness is strength and strength is
happiness.

Allen has not been very strong since
coming down but, seems much better
today. He ate nothing, no milk, nothing
for the two days and night on the
train which I think made him
very much. It has taken all this time
to get back. As we grow older it is
harder to recuperate. He has used
his wheel chair and seems glad
to have it. Today Jeff wheeled him out
to the park and back. He did a
little walking but not much. Much will
be caught a few. In all said that should
be here as you would catch
them all right.

I am sitting in bed as father dear
is interested in a book and would
come to bed with the Jewish it &

perhaps will before the 11th and I could
not get to sleep the second time. It is fine
evening of here.

Everything is very quiet down here this
evening. My little light in playing the piano will be
down so I have that not heard. It stopped so
and I am not quite about to see for which
are indignant. Frank did not have the substance
so they started making friends. It could be
near at the laboratory.

We had a fine talk down with Mr. Thurston. He
was very kind. Dr. Thurston is with him and
is accompanying him. My good friend
had to leave today. It seems to be making good
the situation has promoted him. I think
the four boys were in the train when we left.
General but Henry & Russell left us at Washington
and Leonard & Reginald left us at Washington.
I wish to see them. Henry seems to be the same
upon whom his father depends greatly. It is a

Servit family and they seemed so servit with us.
Uncle Will + Aunt Nkey are enjoying themselves
down here very much. Soon they are going over to
Miami to Dr. Killogg. He has started a Ball's
Creek over there. Mr. + Mrs. Beaton, are coming
for lunch tomorrow and Mrs. Martin is also
coming to see us. I am holding off as much as
I can because I am tired and really want rest
and freedom from people for a little while.
William + Blanche met us at Wilmington, Chamber
of Commerce and George Blankenship at Richmond
Chamber of Commerce at Jacksonville. No one
knew how we were coming in here as Mr. Frustone
left us at Jacksonville and sent us down here
by a special engine. It was a great event. Just
our car and one empty one between us and
the engine to keep within the law. It certainly
was great. Mr. Frustone. Some friend!!
Guthrie Norton came over last Sunday and

MRS. THOMAS A. EDISON
Seminole Lodge
FORT MYERS, FLORIDA

He said that Mr. Hirstone was alone
in the big house so he was staying
with him. I hope Jimmie won't be
spoiled in so much luxury. It
takes a strong character to meet
prosperity and Jim can do it. It is
easier to keep simple with adversity.
I am thinking and working for you
all the time, dearie one, and I
sincerely trust that all will be
easily and satisfactorily settled. Don't
get nervous about it just trust
in your God. "Do not pray for
easy lives; pray to be stronger
men. Do not pray for tasks
equal to your powers; pray for
powers equal to your tasks."
Then the doing of your work.

will be no miracle but you will
be a miracle. Each day you will
wonder at yourself, at the richness
of life that has come to you
through the Grace of God.

Philipa Brooks.

He was a great man and we
are all better for his having lived
in this world - that is the great
thing in life and we can all be
that if we live our best.

Frankie has felt the tip down since
very much but it is because he
never passed a thing through
his teeth, I was going to say but
remember he has never - any way
he never drank or ate a thing
for two days and two nights. It
exhausted him so and is just
now beginning to get back a little

of his strength. All want him to take
down the boards while I order a man
the miss. ~~Stephen~~ ~~him~~ but something
else is coming along ready.

Oh, I do miss my darling -
Katie well, dearie, on your tip -
Be strong and soon - God bless
and keep you. Him and me

Maybe from the Pair.

Love from your mother who adores

you. Love from mother who wishes you

Love from Aunt Mary's head & it

who appreciates and loves you.

Miss Jack.

SEMINOLE LODGE
FORT MYERS, FLORIDA

April 27-1931

Darling Charles. Thank fortune
that you won the case and are
home again safe and sound.
I do hope things will move along
comfortably but times are
certainly very unsettled. I cannot
see how we are going to get
straight again with this awful
Communist ~~rich~~ ~~poor~~ growing
all the time - People all restless
and independent ways and
not knowing how to use it all.
Lucius Louis is the problem
today - To keep people busy, the only
way to be happy, is the problem.
I never can see this idea of.

lessening hours of work but I do see the idea of making them work so attractive that it is a pleasure - that they would rather be busy than not busy - Eager to get ahead intelligently and learning to use their gains wisely as they get them. Oh, if we could only busy that about.

It is beautiful down here at this present moment and no mosquitoes but no one knows how long it will be so. I have just had a sad thing. My niece Clara, a wonderful girl, is going to be married and wants to go the end of the work. She and her husband are taking a place together and are to hand with their

people - It is always down here now and never from there. I was talking the Board had me but also that is all splattered. We have been so completely down here this winter. Clara always happy. Next grandchild, grand and thoroughly satisfied. It was just fine and we have had a comfortable season down here. I am all out up in being here. Glad to get to take the board with me but also all in one. The year on Chicago and she can work to be with place. I will never find another like this. Because to see me on coming to black service as the white people are not available any more. I am the best of learning my house she is that at - I am going to be single - get married but they from the Washington State is according to that and it would mean the 1st plantation here.

Have you seen anything of Henry this season? He
was a comfort in one way but rather a down in a
winter way. It is so beautiful here - If only you
and Carolyn had come last week and had
these two weeks and now I am afraid you will
not find it so comfortable if you do come.
Of course I would love to have you. I am going
to see what I can do right away of course and
then if I can arrange I would love to have you
come after Lucy gets work the last of next
week but any time you can come is all
right - I just thought we would have it all
alone but we will say okay if you come
tomorrow. Miss Bogue keeps by herself and we
can go off by ourselves. She has a lot of work
any way - Father dear would love to see you.
God bless and keep you. Love to Carolyn
and a big lot for yourself - Mother.

E

April 28-1931

Darling Charles.

Had in same mail as
your letter one from Bradburn,
saying that John was certainly among
the Republican Candidates & said
I think it was. Why don't you
get on the right side of Brad?
Do you know him? Does
John understand the situation?
If we can win over Mr. Brad
then you may be able to construct
the other situation.

It is a shame that we are having
these hard times just now but
of course we can't help it.

a long time. It is remarkable that the bubble has not burst sooner.

How I wish that I could help in some way - the bank down here going under has caused great depression in this little town. The change is most marked. It is always the case in every panic many failures and that is a remarkable thing in this panic people seem averse to talk or but I suppose the inevitable must happen before things clear up. - Most must come down from our high horse.

Dr. King has sent down this pea cock from N.Y. - the one Mrs. King carried all the way up from Cuba. It certainly is a handsome that she would have done. Dr.

Having no newspaper here I must go to Springfield

to get news from here. I think you do all day

and tomorrow from N. York - a very pretty

book - and the so convenient people

to do so.

It is very interesting to see the

book for a while of the book which is the

of course from various as to be getting

rather small. It has a collection of

to look that some of the papers on the

could have been printed of one a little out

and the promise that the paper should

if it is before the public.

If the Commission will be done in

the country once and for all time some

may. It is a small book - just one of

about it. - The 1000th issue -

3 & M. - Monday morning - just what you

SEMINOLE LODGE
FORT MYERS, FLORIDA

May 3 - 1931

Dating Charles and Carolyn.

What a blessing you are to
us! Oh, how I wish that you both
were here now as it is beautiful
Every day I am afraid the weather
will change be hot and mosquitoes -
now winter - however it may be
like this now as the two last years
while we were up to middle
of June the weather was ideal -
they all say that May and June
are beautiful months here. This
winter however has been so cold
and a great deal of rain that

it makes one wonder what the weather will be next. However we have the fish and the pool and the ocean so we can be independent of weather now or here. My I am so proud of your achievement in London and so is father. You must have had a most exhausting and anxious time. It just seems wicked that men of the caliber of Meade can put him even to so much trouble and worry. He always was a miserable creature and how father ever got mixed up with him is a mystery to me. I thoroughly disliked him when we first met in Paris. He had a bad name then in my estimation. Quick, mean and oppressive.

Well, anyway it seems not all so bad and that's hope you're getting sick. Had your pocket with your microscope. I am glad that you will have been ill in that miserable, cold, stinking climate. How poorly that shows, etc. Some to a genuine affection for you and I am glad that you had that small incident with the Coltrane man. That is the kind of thing I have always wanted. Not money but a love and the fine people. I was caught out by and then originally called people must be the ideal thing. You must call all the men with reading and going bumping. I guess your no sentiment is much and you are relieved and happy to have Charles again. For dear, you did him to be born and understanding but that may be.

Any way we are glad to have our darling one back
safe and sound with two laurels upon his
head. We think we have something to be
very proud of and I thank God every day of
my life for my darling children.

Enclosed is a little sample of what they are doing
down here - We did enjoy Mr. Williams about
visit down here but were greatly disappointed in
not having him here at the house. We sent the
morning train from N. Y., had what we thought a
magnificent supper prepared, some acid and
decked with flowers, and dined our guests
only to be greeted by Mrs. Stephens disappointed
when "he didn't come". It was like a skull being
fallen in our midst. I told her to meet the
morning train as he may have changed connection.
No one came, then I sent Scout to the other road,
he did not come - Scout used his head and

SEMINOLE LODGE
FORT MYERS, FLORIDA

Inquired at the hotel and found
that he had come by bus from
Tampa and had registered the
night before at the Franklin Inn.
It was too bad but could not be
helped. Everybody was ready to do
his best for his comfort. That evening
to be would have enjoyed seeing
some of the Garden Group members
as the Executive Board gave us
a surprise and presented us with
two beautiful large green vases.
About 25 walked in while we were
playing cards, Miss Stabler, who
was the prize winner in the per-
formance, Miss Boger + myself -

They brought their own ice cream and
cakes - I was just simply overwhelmed
never dreaming such a thing. I had
just had a luncheon of tea and
had settled down to a comfortable nap.
It was very gay and nice and
thoroughly enjoyed by all.

I am going down to a boys' ^{auxiliary}
Class of 100. It is made up of
men of all ages and I have been
made their "Class Mother". I am
to take the class on Monday
and will probably read part of
the book "Happiness" by William
Lyon Phelps. It makes me very
nervous to be responsible for ^{that} day.
I feel that I have made such a
failure of being mother to such
grand darlings of my own. Every
day I give over to for the opportunity

will never come again. I was blind - my
program was in 1919 will be no indication
any of you.
Get these and help us say your prog-
ram with simplicity and to happy.
Sincerely Mother.

Seminole Lodge - May 10 - 1931

Darling Charles,

What does this mean in
the times? Some one seems
to be talking great liberty - I think.
I did not show the enclosed
telegram to father as I thought
it better for you to answer as
I did not know your plans.

Uncle John writes that things
look black up there so many
men being laid off. Things
are worse than ever I take it.

Some way down here everything
goes along easily and so we do
not realize all the touch of North.
Seems to me things should take
a turn for the better soon. What
is it all about anyway? I
think, of course, it is because

We have all been living too high
and too fast. We have to have
these jolts to bring us to our
senses - In the time last
Sunday those Russian Soviets
certainly look threatening. Our
world is certainly passing through
a phase of great consequence.

I keep wondering and wondering
where it will all end.

It is beautiful here now and
I am so afraid everything will
be passed by the time you
get here as the flowers in the
beds are beginning to fade and
look withered - They have been
beautiful a long time.

It will be wonderful to have
you down here but I am so
afraid that the trip will be

you too much - You are
taking such a short time
for it - Of course you can see
the place and all it means is
a week end visit.

What arrangements is
Hildebrand making? But
your mind I will write to
him direct.

Oh I do hope things will clear
up soon and everything be in
running shape again. I am
so sorry for those who lose their
positions. It is too, too sad.

How does it affect you in
Theodor's giving up? I am so
sorry that you two could not be
the team as dreamed.

God bless and keep you all -
Love + kisses - Lovingly Mother.

My dear Mrs. Edison,

I am returning the pictures of your very attractive house. Mr. and Mrs. Edison enjoyed them so much and they hope that sometime soon, they will be able to see the original-- and its occupants.

Mrs. Edison wants me to tell you that she thinks it would be nice for Mr. and Mrs. Sloan to go yatching with you and suggests that you write to them in regard to it.

Mr. Edison's condition seems to be variable--these days, one day he is up and the next day, he is down so that the state of affairs is uncertain. His charts have been pretty constant, though, over a period of several days and that is encouraging.

Later on, Mrs. Edison will write to you herself, but at present, we are trying to take care of all the correspondence possible.

Please rest assured that if there is any change, we will let you know at once.

Mrs. Edison sends her love to you both.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

August 20, 1961

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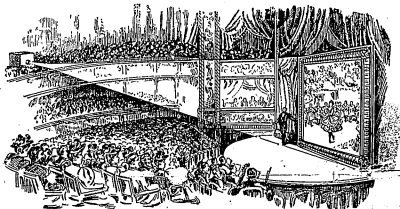
The selected items in this folder cover the years 1899-1941. Included is a twenty-page typescript by Harvey Firestone containing reminiscences of his 1918 camping trip with Edison, Henry Ford, and John Burroughs. Also included are letters discussing Edison's early work in electric lighting and a note regarding a wax recording of the voice of Edison's sister, Marion Edison Page.

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H. S. FURSTENBERG
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December 13, 1918.

My dear Mr. Edison:

Mr. Burroughs has favored us by writing the impressions he gained on the camping trip. I have had copies made, and am enclosing one for you, and Mr. Burroughs would like your suggestions.

I am also enclosing a copy of what I dictated from memory one evening at my home.

If we could all add a little of our impressions, I think we could get out quite a nice souvenir book, and I would be glad to have some one undertake it. I am sure that we could get out a book that in time would give us a very pleasant hour or two, looking it over and refreshing our memory of the delightful trip.

Yours very truly,



-enclosures.

Mr. Thomas A. Edison,
Orange, New Jersey.

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ROUGHING IT WITH MY GOOD FRIENDS,
MESSRS. EDISON, FORD, BURROUGHS, HURLEY, DELOACH,
AND MY SON, HARVEY.

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Sunday morning, August 18th, Mr. Ford, Harvey and I left the farm about ten o'clock for Pittsburgh, after a delightful and quieting night's rest in "Mother's tent." We arrived at the William Penn Hotel there about two-thirty p. m., and telephoned to the Branch to inquire where we were to meet Mr. Edison, Mr. Burroughs, Mr. Hurley and Mr. DeLoach. We found that they were having their lunch at Mr. Hitchcock's, Mr. Edison's brother-in-law, and that they would meet us at the Branch in about an hour. After our luncheon we drove to the Branch, where we met the party, and there we waited for Mr. Cline, who was piloting a Ford, heavily laden.

After having our pictures taken and interviewing a number of reporters, we changed Mr. Cline's heavy load from the Ford to a ton and a half White truck and started on our camping trip, Mr. and Mrs. Hitchcock piloting us out of the City toward Greensburgh.

We selected our first camping place about two miles east of Greensburgh on H. A. Miller's farm a half mile back from the road in a beautiful grove near a well. After camp was pitched the culinary department got busy and served a delicious supper. It was a cool evening and we sat around the camp fire and told stories until twelve o'clock. Our reason for staying up so late the first night was the fact that we could only have Mr. Hurley with us for one night.

The next morning we got up about eight o'clock. After breakfast we shot mark and had a number of visitors, among them the mayor and newspaper men from Greensburgh. Harvey brought a very attractive young lady - a Miss Marion Head - who proved to be a general favorite among the campers. We broke camp about eleven o'clock, drove to Greensburgh and procured gasoline and oil, and Mr. Burroughs bought a linen duster. After considerable effort we finally got started on our way toward Connellsville.

Just as we were entering Connellsville the Packard car, driven by Harvey, in which Mr. Burroughs

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Mr. Ford, Mr. Hurley and I were riding, broke the fan iron, punctured the radiator and broke the fan. With Mr. Ford's mechanical genius, our wearing material and the tools in the automobile, it was repaired sufficiently to drive into Connellsville, where we went to a garage in the center of the town - there, within ten minutes we had the entire population giving us their assistance to repair the machine. Again Mr. Ford's mechanical skill came into play, when he took off the fan iron, repaired it, and replaced the mended parts in the machine. This, however, took us about three hours.

In the meantime we were waiting for Truck No. 1, and after the machine had been repaired and we were driving on toward Uniontown with Mr. Edison's car and the two Fords carrying Willmott, Sato and Fredie, we found that we were still missing our Truck No. 1, driven by Harry. On this day Mr. Gline was riding with Harry. Sato with the Ford went back to find them, but in the meantime they had telephoned to us at our agent in Uniontown, stating that they had broken the drive shaft, that they would have it repaired and would come on in about an hour.

It was then late in the day, and as a summer hotel was located about seven miles from Uniontown, we advised them that we would go to this Hotel and that they should come there.

We telephoned to the Summit Hotel for rooms and asked them to have dinner ready for us when we arrived, as we had not had anything to eat since breakfast. Our lunch, composed of fried chicken and other good things was on the broken truck. We refused to go to a restaurant or hotel and, therefore, did not have anything to eat.

When we arrived at the Summit Hotel we were received and advised that dinner would be served for us at once. They gave us very nice rooms and served an especially good dinner. We all were very much opposed to a hotel, but when we were forced to take refuge in one it was a very delightful opportunity to get a bath and a shave. In the evening, Mr. Ford as usual insisted on a long walk. Of course, I wanted to be congenial and I said: "Certainly, I will join you in anything" - and we walked to the top of the mountain and down the other side. There was a beautiful view of Uniontown when we reached the top of this mountain, but the distance was great and I was very tired and upon our return retired for a good night's sleep. During the night our truck and the balance of the party arrived and we were all up early in the morning, had breakfast and started on our way.

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The first objective was Keyser's Ridge, where Mr. DeLouch had his mail addressed to him. In our route we were to turn to the right, Keyser's Ridge being the farthest point east and from this point we started south. As we passed along the pike we saw a road turning to the right with a large sign pointing to Oakland - our next objective. Being in the front car, I stopped at this place and called attention to it, but Mr. DeLouch and Harvey insisted that we drive on to Keyser's Ridge to get Mr. DeLouch's mail. While we were arguing as to whether we were on the right road, Mr. Edison decided to get a bottle of pop, and Harvey went to the store to get it for him, where he ascertained that we were at Keyser's Ridge.

On our way toward Oakland we stopped for lunch near a beautiful stream beneath some large shade trees. Here Mr. Ford got a pail of apples and gave the little girl a dollar. She immediately ran back to the house and came back with an old gentleman carrying a pail of cider.

After our repast and drink of cider we drove on to Oakland, where we filled our caravan with gasoline and oil. In the meantime Harvey, following his usual custom of being kind to other people, went into the candy shop and purchased a box of caramels for Mr. Burroughs - that being his favorite kind. This displeased Mr. Ford and he snatched the box of candy and threw it up the street, much to the great surprise of the entire population, which as usual had congregated around our cars.

When we left Oakland we drove seven miles on a concrete road toward Parsons. About five o'clock, after leaving the concrete road we passed over some very rough and wild country, finally coming to a small river, which we learned was Horseshoe Run. Mr. Edison and I drove along Horseshoe Run about a half mile up from Lead Mine, West Virginia, where we found a very picturesque camping place, with the mountains, a logging railroad and the river in the background. We pitched camp and prepared our dinner.

There was only one thing lacking. Mr. Ford wanted to hear the water ripple over the rocks and as there was not enough fall to the river to produce the sound, Harvey, in his usual congenial way to please everyone, thought that he would place some more stones in the creek to make an artificial water fall. About the time he had raised the water eight inches he wanted to turn the stones and slipped, falling into the river. Thereafter the fall was complete.

While we were having our dinner in the early dusk the natives from the lumbering camps and the mountaineers began to gather forming an unusually rough looking crowd, and our crew and official photographer

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were somewhat alarmed and came in to advise us that they were perfectly willing to remain up and guard the camp that night - Mr. Cline proudly showing us his Smith & Wesson in his holster, but Mr. Ford convinced us that kind treatment of these friends would insure our perfect safety. Thereupon we went out and made peace with the enemy, offering them cigars. They proved to be the most congenial and hospitable people we had met. They offered to bring down for Mr. Ford the next morning from the logging camp their logging engine to have moving pictures taken of Mr. Ford running the engine, and they not only brought down the engine and train, but by the time we had named, they had moved down almost the entire camp. After the moving pictures were taken we broke camp and started traveling in the direction of Parsons.

The country we passed through was most wild, which was indicated by the lack of road signs - the farm lands and the highway looking alike, and it was natural for us to miss our route. We drove about five miles down a mountain, making it necessary for us to retreat and drive up the mountain until we reached Parsons, where we got gasoline and purchased supplies for the culinary department.

When we arrived in Parsons, West Virginia, all the townsmen came in to the drug store to shake hands with the celebrities. Mr. Edison laid in a supply of milk chocolate. Mr. Ford gave advice and helped in fixing a leaky water jacket on the small White truck.

After lunch we rode on to Elkins and when we arrived there the natives turned out en masse. Mr. Ford and I sent telegrams - Mr. Edison and Mr. Burroughs as usual remaining in the street in their car surrounded by the kodak and autograph collectors. In Elkins the mayor and some of the business men offered us the hospitality of the Cheat Country Club, located about twenty-five miles on our way. As we drove out of Elkins passing through Beverly, the Simplex shared off a spring shackle bolt, and after a good deal of persuasion I got Mr. Edison to go with Harvey, and Mr. Burroughs and Mr. DeLoach to drive on and locate a camping place. So the entire caravan went on its way with the exception of the Simplex and one Ford car. Again Mr. Ford's mechanical genius came into play. All that was necessary was a bolt. We saw a threshing machine about three quarters of a mile across a field and went down to where they were threshing and, as luck would have it, Mr. Ford picked out just the bolt he wanted. After meeting the threshers, we went back and the spring was fitted up. In all we were delayed about two hours. We then started to hunt up our fellow campers and drove over the mountains until after dark. Finally down the mountain we came to a bridge, and opposite the bridge we found Harvey in the Packard.

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While we were happy to see him, we also were very anxious to locate the dining tent. Much to our surprise he said they had a fine place to camp about one mile down the road and he piloted the way until we landed at the Cheat Country Club. This pleased us as Mr. Edison had absolutely refused to go to any Club - but, alas, to our greater surprise, they had just arrived at the Club and advised us that dinner would not be served for about an hour. As it was, we had dinner at nine-thirty. It was a very cold damp night and a fine warm club house with a big open fire place was very much more attractive than our camp along the river. As we went upstairs to a bath room with hot and cold water and looked into the nice comfortable rooms it was still more tempting than our tents, and Mr. Barroughs, Mr. DeLoach, Harvey and the crew could not resist spending the night in the club house, while the old-time campers stuck to their tents.

We broke Camp Cheat about ten o'clock in the morning. Mr. Ford and I stopped at an oats field to "cradle" oats. After luncheon we drove on in the direction of Hota Springs, Virginia, hoping that we might possibly reach Warm Springs that night, but we crossed a bridge at the wrong place and went up into a mountain and found ourselves in a small town called Bolser Springs. We then decided that we would pitch camp and inquired for a site. We were advised that up the road about half a mile there was a splendid place, which we located in a beautiful grove. At the edge of this grove there were warm springs and a concrete bathing pool - a toll of fifteen cents being assessed for a bath.

At this camp we found ourselves short of bread and other provisions, as we had hoped to reach Warm Springs where we could get supplies. We called at the General Store and found there was no bread to be had, but learned that there was a hotel upon the hill and that possibly we could get some there. We went up to the hotel and inquired of the lady who came to the door if we could buy some bread. She said no; that she did not have any to spare. We asked her if she would bake some so we could have it in the morning and she said that she was out of flour. She finally consented to bake the bread if we would furnish the flour, so we put a sack of flour on our commissary truck and Harvey and Mr. Cline took it up to Mrs. Eagle's that night.

In the meantime I told her how much Mr. Edison liked apple pie and she said she had enough flour to bake several apple pies. She brought them down to us just as I was finishing my dinner and as Mr. Edison had already had his dinner he insisted that we save him an apple pie for his breakfast, so we took great care in doing this - but during the night the dogs got into our commissary truck and ate Mr. Edison's apple pie.

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But when the good lady brought up the bread to us in the morning the depth of the loaves was less than an inch and a half. She said that the flour had been soaked in gasoline and it would not raise. However, we had thin bread for the next two or three days; we did not seem to find a town in which we could purchase the "staff of life."

The next morning we broke camp about nine-thirty and started for our next objective, Hot Springs, reaching there about eleven fifteen. We spent an hour at the Homestead and received word from Mr. Hurley that he could not join us. We stopped for lunch about seventeen miles from Hot Springs enroute to our next objective, White Sulphur Springs, near a nice stream of water along the road. Here we found a large concrete pool which apparently was part of a water power system. One of the boys shut off the gate which proved to shut off the water at the power plant located about two miles down. While we were having our lunch a gentleman came up in a very bad frame of mind, complaining about our shutting off his power. We made due apology and asked him what sort of a water power plant he had there and were told that it was the power plant of O. C. Barber for his phosphate plant.

Mr. Ford and I were anxious to see Mr. Barber's water power plant, so we decided to drive down the mountain to see it, and discovered that he had a most modern water power plant - in fact the most modern plant in the south.

After examining this plant we went on our way to White Sulphur Springs. Here we endeavored to secure a room and bath in order to shave and get clean linen on, but my locks did not get a room. I went from one hotel to another but did not succeed. I was informed that they had a bath house here so made use of it and then went to a barber shop. Mr. Ford and Mr. DeLoach waited for me - Mr. Edison and the balance of the party going on to find a camping place. Harvey took them out and then drove back for us. We arrived about dusk. The crew were just pitching camp as they had had some trouble in finding a desirable place. However, Camp Tuckahoe proved to be a very comfortable camp on the Tuckahoe River, which always made it very handy to wash your face in the morning. Nothing unusual happened and the next morning we broke camp.

Our next objective was Narrows, West Virginia. On this trip I was especially impressed by the abandoned summer hotels. We finally arrived at Sweet Springs, where there were a number of brick buildings. It was a very imposing looking place with fine surroundings. I made inquiry and learned that some of the buildings were a hundred years old, yet well preserved and apparently in

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very good condition, but less than twenty-five per cent. were occupied. Here there was aspring with sweet water which was not very tasty. There was also a bathing pool and a number of people bathing. However, this pool looked as if the frogs had been bathing more than the people and was very stagnant.

We stopped on route at Gap Mills, and after a good deal of argument with the leading citizens of the town, especially the doctor and manager of most affairs, who insisted on our having lunch in his front yard, we drove on and had our lunch close to a stream where all the natives gathered. Mr. Ford went to look at a mill. We waited there for half an hour until one of the leading citizens went to his home and brought a can of maple syrup for Mr. Edison. We had a very good agent at this point.

From Gap Mills we drove to Narrows. The country traveled through was rough and wild. Narrows was a railroad center, the population rough and uncivilized. We drove out of Narrows, taking one of the citizens with us to find a place to camp, and this, I think, is the only camp in which no one inquired who we were or knew any of the campers. When we found a camping place, which proved to be one of our best, we were short of provisions and could not buy anything in town, so Harvey and Mr. Cline drove through the country until they found chickens, fresh milk and eggs.

We left Wolf Creek Camp later than usual and started over bad roads to Bluefield. Mr. Burroughs grew very tired and with Mr. DeLoach took a train at Oakvale for Bluefield. About one o'clock we got Mr. Edison to stop for lunch at a short distance from Princeton.

We then started over the first macadam road in many a day. We were especially pleased when we struck this highway, inasmuch as we did not have any more tubes for the White Truck, carrying a 38 x 7 pneumatic tire. But as usual, some part of our equipment got out of order, and as usual the car we needed most. In order to be safe and have our lunch on time, we had decided to prepare our lunch and put it in Sato's and Willcott's Ford car, and on this day that car punctured a tire and the other trucks passed it by and let them repair it alone, which delayed our lunch, and Sato was not in good humor when he arrived with the cargo and delayed it longer. However, after we had luncheon and Mr. Ford had interviewed a farmer, getting information with reference to the surrounding country, we journeyed to Princeton, stopping there for gasoline and thence to Bluefield.

At Bluefield we met Mr. Burroughs and Mr. DeLoach.

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who had gone through on the train and had their dinner. I had ordered a tube sent there by parcel post. As it was Sunday I was afraid it would be impossible to get it. The hotel proprietor telephoned to the post office and someone happened to be there, who said the tube had arrived. Mr. Cline and I drove up to the post office, wrapped on the side door and were shown every courtesy and received the tube.

My companions were anxious to make better time, so we drove on to Tazewell rather fast. Part of the caravan got off the road. They had been so used to being in the mountains where there were scarcely no roads at all or only one, that when they came to two roads they got lost.

It was late when we reached Tazewell. Mr. Edison was getting nervous, so I told him to drive on and find a place to camp and that our car would remain there and direct each truck as it came along. I waited at least two hours for the last car to arrive. In the meantime I talked to the Circuit Judge of West Virginia and all of the people around the hotel. Finally Sato and Willmott came along in the Ford car and I rode with them. We drove and drove until we met a party of young people from Bluefield, who were having their lunch along the roadside. They invited us to have lunch with them - not particularly for myself and Willmott - but for Sato, who proved to be a novelty to the young people.

We drove on under the direction of the young people until we met Harvey and Mr. Ford, who were returning for us. We reached camp about dusk.

After dinner, which was later than usual, Harvey and I took a long walk. We heard some people singing and playing accordions, and I gave Harvey a lesson, telling him what great pleasure and satisfaction there was in living a simple country life, and the enjoyment these people get out of life in general.

The next morning we broke camp about ten o'clock. Our next objective was Lebanon and then Hansonville. From Hansonville to Abingdon we traveled over six miles of very rough roads. Mr. Burroughs was particularly emphatic as to this fact - saying that these roads were the most damnable and despicable roads in the United States, and he even went so far as to stop people on the road. The only consolation he had was the fact that the gentlemen proposing this camping trip and route had to ride over the same roads. He even suggested that the Germans had built the road as being one of their most cruel acts. However, after reaching Abingdon we struck paved roads into Bristol and the contrast was very delightful.

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Harvey reached Bristol before we arrived and we had forgotten that in leaving our route list and giving the name of the town that was not all that was necessary. We found that there was more than one street in Bristol, and, therefore, were at a loss as to how and where we were to meet in this large city. However, we learned that Harvey was at the Hotel Virginia and we had no trouble in locating this hotel, where we had luncheon. When we arrived there, the clerk, waiters, etc., did not recognize any of us and as we were accustomed to having so much attention when we went into the dining room this was a disappointment. I suggested that we have a table where we could all have lunch together, but the head waiter advised me that that was impossible, that the tables were not large enough and that we could take what was there or find our lunch some other place. We finally accepted this suggestion and took the tables that he assigned to us, but before we had ordered our lunch, word came through that it was Mr. Edison and the other celebrities and very quickly the tables were arranged to our satisfaction. The head waiter went into the kitchen and I think cooked the meal himself or at least looked after it. By the time we had finished our luncheon the usual crowd had gathered around us, including the Mayor of the town and the newspaper men, the Edison phonograph agent, the Ford agent and the Firestone agent. The rest of our party had also arrived.

I had had an extra 38 x 7 tire sent by express to this place and went with the agent to secure this tire. We also called at his place of business - Mr. Charles J. Bakrader. We had our pictures taken in front of the store with Mr. Ford and then drove to the telegraph office and sent a telegram to Mr. Seely, Grove Park Inn, Asheville, North Carolina, stating that we would arrive there Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning and that we would like to camp on Sunset Mountain if he could arrange it. We then returned to the hotel where we met the rest of the mountaineers and citizens of the town. At the urgent request of Mr. W. H. Cox, a leading merchant and capitalist, also somewhat of a politician, who came to me and asked if I would not have the party do him the honor and give him the pleasure of stopping at his farm, one of the finest farms in Tennessee - so he said - which was located right on our way, we went there. When I had said that it would give us great pleasure to visit his farm, he immediately made a rush for the telephone and had an argument with the telephone operator because he could not get his farm at once. He said he was going to have some very distinguished guests at the farm and he had to notify his wife, - when he finally got her he said: "Sarah dear, I am going to have some very distinguished guests, Mr. Edison, Mr. Ford and Mr. Burroughs."

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They will be out in a few minutes and have everything primed all up. They will want some milk, apples, etc." He then asked if it would be permissible for him to take the loading editor with us. I told him that it was entirely agreeable and asked Mr. Cox to ride in our car and the loading editor in Harvey's car. We drove to the farm which was about ten miles out of Bristol and he had a very fine place. When we reached there Mrs. Cox would not come out. Mr. Cox brought out his daughters and introduced them and apologized for Mrs. Cox not being able to come out. I said - "If you will excuse me I will go in and get her." Mr. Ford said - "I'll go too." So I jumped out of the Car and Mr. Ford went in with me. Mrs. Cox was baking and she proved to be a very pleasant lady, and after meeting Mr. Ford found out that he was only human after all. I insisted that she come out and meet Mr. Edison, and she declared that she could not, but if we would wait five minutes she would come. She went up stairs and put on her Sunday dress and came out and I told her that she did not look as good as before. We had our pictures taken and promised to send Mr. Cox a picture, then drove on our way.

It was raining when we drove into Elizabethtown, so we went into a garage and waited. While we were in this garage they had telephoned that we were on our way from Bristol and in each of the towns we passed through there were large crowds waiting in the streets.

After it had stopped raining, we went on and arrived in Johnson City, where Harvey, Mr. Burroughs, Mr. DeLoach and Mr. Cline had already attracted an unusually large audience, which honor they shared with our party when we arrived. The editor of the Johnson City Staff came out and other leading citizens, who introduced themselves to the party and insisted that we remain in the town or camp near there. The Editor's boy jumped on the car and sold Mr. Edison a paper. His father told me afterwards he had said to the boy he would give him a good whipping if he did not sell Thomas A. Edison a paper.

The rest of our caravan had not arrived and as it was not pleasing to the distinguished gentlemen to sit in the automobiles and have people stare at them, we started on our way to Jonesboro and left Mr. Cline to direct the rest of the party toward this city. Leaving Jonesboro we drove through the Soldiers' Home, but did not find a place to camp. Traveling between Johnson City and Jonesboro we were going over a route where they had no water except cistern water which was not pleasing to us. It was late when we arrived at Jonesboro.

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The town had heard of our party coming through and a call had been sent out to meet us with the city band, but they were not successful in getting the band. We found a spring about two miles beyond Jonesboro. This spring was back of a home in the field and it was very difficult to get to the camp. To enter the field we had to drive through a barn and Harry tore the top off of his truck, as the barn was not high enough to allow the truck to pass through. Therefore, we had to send for a pick and shovel to let down the truck sufficiently to go through the barn. Mr. Edison and I went back to this field, where the spring was located, and it did not look like an ideal place, as they had many cows and hogs around. After we had selected a place and Mr. Edison had hired boys to gather fire wood, we waited until almost dusk before the trucks arrived.

Mr. Burroughs was somewhat tired and insisted on having his tent put back in the field next to the woods about half a mile away. He claimed that the crew and the boys made so much noise, that they never went to bed and always woke him up in the morning, and, therefore, as soon as the truck arrived he grabbed on to our dining tent stakes, thinking that they were the stakes to his tent, and carried them back in the woods, as he was anxious to have his tent put up before dark and the dew fell.

Before Mr. Burroughs went to his secluded retreat in the woods, however, around the camp fire Mr. Edison --- mouse.

After our tents were pitched, dinner was served, which was very delicious and much enjoyed. Before long the search lights began to come over the hill to our place in the form of automobile lights coming from Jonesboro to hold our usual evening reception. The visitors were mostly Jonesboro citizens and each one tried to impress us that that city was the oldest in the state; that they had records of Andrew Jackson, etc. Everyone was happy and we all sat around the camp fire and this undoubtedly was our most enjoyable and interesting evening.

Our evening reception was especially note-worthy because Mr. Edison took the ladies up and showed them each one of the tents, how they were equipped and how the electric lights were installed in each tent and he stated to them that the electric current had been brought from Orange. We retired about twelve o'clock.

During the evening Mr. Burroughs lamented the fact that we were camping here and was sure the cattle would come up in the woods and bother him, so he was very much disappointed in the morning when they had not put in their appearance. But they did put in their appearance around our camp - not only the cattle, but the hogs, and upset all the kitchen utensils and paraphernalia that was around. However, everything was speedily washed and cleaned up before breakfast was served.

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Just as we were finishing our breakfast we saw six or eight men coming up the field each carrying a watermelon two and a half feet long (or less). They were a returning delegation from Jonesboro to again urge us to return to their City Hall and look over the records of ancient times and brought a picture of the Boono tree with them.

We broke camp and the delegation informed us that Asheville was eighty miles away. Harvey insisted that we could drive there for lunch and a route was made up for each car with instructions to meet at Grove Park Inn, Asheville, North Carolina. I took precaution to advise the boys that we would go to the Inn and if they did not arrive in time, we would not camp that night, but stop at the hotel, although Mr. Edison said that he did not want to go to Grove Park Inn. He and Mr. Ford were joking about it on the way and Mr. Ford said that if he went there they would not let him in the dining room without a dinner coat; that he had spent two weeks there - had wanted to stay three - but got tired of changing his clothes, so did not remain. I was a little bit worried as to just how Mr. Edison was going to take going to Grove Park Inn. Mr. Ford decided to ride in Harvey's car, so he, Mr. Burroughs, Mr. DeLoach and Harvey started on the way. Mr. Edison, Mr. Gline and myself were in Mr. Edison's car.

When we left we were nearly out of gasoline. However we were only five miles away from a small town and when we asked for gasoline, they directed us across the river and we drove up to a very nice gasoline station. The proprietor advised us that they did not sell gasoline, but after urgent solicitation he finally agreed to give us three gallons to get us to the next town, which was Greenville, about ten miles away.

When we arrived in Greenville they had telephoned that we would soon be there. We drove into the first garage for gasoline, where within a few minutes a very large crowd gathered. This garage only had six gallons in their tank. I went up to a store to buy a pair of glasses and the car came up there. They also had a gasoline tank at this store. The mayor, chief of police and the rest of the good citizens of the town gathered around Mr. Edison. They wanted us to go out and see the tomb. The crowd was so large that we could scarcely leave the second garage and they followed us over to the store where I bought the glasses. It took a good deal of diplomacy and tact on my part to convince the townspeople that our cars had gone on; that we must follow; that our time was short, and that Mr. Edison was becoming impatient. I explained how greatly we regretted that we could not see all their points of interest. The mayor consented to escort us out of the city, and we found him to be a very fine man.

We drove on and when we arrived in Newport it was exceedingly hot. In this small town we saw a Packard car standing in front of a hotel. We stopped and found that the

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rest of our party had arrived and were having dinner with the threshers. We all went into the dining room and everyone was sitting around at two long tables. Mr. Edison, Mr. Cline and I went in and the land lady persuaded the crowd that was standing around to allow Mr. Edison and I to have a place at the table next to Mr. Ford and Mr. Burroughs. It was a nice dinner and the lady who was running the hotel was a very fine woman. She was more interested in Mr. Burroughs than the rest of the celebrated gentlemen, and impressed Mr. Ford very favorably. He agreed to send her a set of Mr. Burroughs' books.

After dinner as usual Mr. Edison went into a room, sat down and read his paper and the citizens all gathered around to look him over or to get his autograph, etc. Mr. Ford was out around the crowd. Harvey, Mr. Ford and Mr. Burroughs soon drove on, leaving us to wait for Mr. Cline to finish his dinner and for the chauffeur to get gasoline and fix his car. I now recall sitting a long time in the very HOT sun.

Leaving Newport we drove over very rough and mountainous country until we arrived at Hot Springs. After some persuasion I got Mr. Edison to go with me to the German internment camp. When we arrived there we met the colonel in charge, who was very courteous and took us all through the camp. They had about 2200 at this camp, mostly sailors from the interned German boats. They all were alien enemies, and had been there since the outbreak of the war. Many of them had built various things and they had homemade bowling alleys, and other sorts of amusements. Some were making pocket books and small trinkets. They all looked well-kept and well-fed and certainly were having a nice vacation.

After spending an hour at this German camp we drove on toward Asheville. From this point to Mars Hill we were climbing and descending mountains for at least twenty-five miles and it certainly was a long twenty-five miles. Our chauffeur was not very considerate of his passengers, although a mishap would have cost his life as well as ours. However, I took no chances and I changed seats with my companion everytime the side of the mountain changed. In other words, Mr. Edison said I always wanted an inside room, and part of the time I was riding on the running board because the drop was too far and the slope too steep to light comfortably in case of a fall.

A very amusing incident happened before we got to Mars Hill. Mr. Edison turned around and said the boys were driving too far - referring to Mr. Ford, Mr. Burroughs, Mr. Delonch and Harvey. It was then about five o'clock and he said we should be finding a place to camp. I now felt that I must reveal to him the fact that we were headed for Grove Park Inn. So, I said to him that I thought they were going to Asheville, and a few minutes later casually remarked that they really had gone to Grove Park Inn and that we were to meet them there - BUT I stated that if he preferred to camp here we would stop and wait for the trucks. However, Mr. Edison consented to go to Asheville.

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When we arrived at Mars Hill we were received, as our pilots Harvey, Mr. Burroughs, Mr. Ford and Mr. DeLoach had been received - the school children and college girls of the town giving us fruit and flowers. There was a small college in this town and they had a service flag with one hundred and twenty-eight stars. They all were most gracious and very insistent that Mr. Edison and myself say a few words to them. I succeeded in getting out of it by saying that Mr. Edison never talked and I could not, but that Mr. Edison would get up where they all could see him, and he, in his gallant way, got up and bowed to all sides of the automobile. Then we passed on through the town, and before reaching our next objective, Weaverville, we were met by a committee from the Chamber of Commerce of Asheville, welcoming us to Asheville, who as usual wanted to escort us in, but we had had some experience in taking dust from our pilots and advised them that we preferred to drive in ahead and that they should follow us. When we arrived in Weaverville a large crowd had gathered in the street and waved us down with a flag. It was probably the largest reception we had received on our first arrival in a town.

In Weaverville the President of the college in that vicinity came up and shook hands and introduced a number of the citizens and ladies. The ladies had a Red Cross booth on the opposite street and urged us very much to come in and have tea with them. Mr. Edison as usual declined. Then they urged Mr. Edison to talk and he refused, but in his gracious manner bowed to the audience and received applause. Next they urged and insisted on my making a talk and I told them that I never talked. They advised me that Mr. Ford had talked to them - and there and then I made a mistake. I leaned forward to Mr. Edison and jokingly told him that Mr. Ford had made a speech here. The president of the college took advantage of it and was immediately insisting that Mr. Edison make a speech. I had sat back in my seat by that time and Mr. Edison turned around in a very loud voice saying - "Firestone, you make a speech." That was enough for this college president - he jumped up on the car and introduced me to the audience, and I made a short talk.

We then drove on to Asheville, arriving there at eight-thirty and were very cordially received by Mr. Seely, who had reserved comfortable rooms for us. After going to our rooms a fine dinner was served, Mr. Seely having dinner with us. Mr. Edison kept lamenting the fact that his grip and wardrobe had not arrived so that he could shave and put on a clean collar, but he was most congenial. Mr. Seely has a moving picture machine in the lounge, and shows a very high class line of films. It was then late, but Mr. Edison would not go into dinner until we had taken in the movies. After dinner he (Mr. Edison) read until twelve o'clock and kept everybody in the hotel up before he finally decided to retire.

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In the morning we had breakfast together about ten o'clock. Mr. Ford and I took a long walk over the golf links and up Sunset Mountain. We then talked with Mr. Edison and decided to tour back home and leave our camping outfit to find its way back without us.

After luncheon we went to the front of the hotel and posed for moving pictures and kodak pictures. Then we parted in Harvey's car, Mr. Edison in the front seat and Mr. Ford and I in the rear seat, for Hickory.

We started at three in the pouring rain and were advised that the nearest point was ninety-six miles away, which was the only place where we could stop all night. On our way we passed through a little town called Marion, and we stopped at the hotel for supper. We were not recognized when we entered this hotel and every waiter in this place, namely three colored boys, had tooth picks in their mouths, which seemed to be their only occupation. The one that waited on us was very grouchy. He got confused in taking Mr. Edison's order, and I came to the rescue and asked him if he was ever known to smile. He did not answer me, so I insisted that he smile now. Finally he did, and much to my pleasure and that of the entire party he was smiling from ear to ear - a smile that never wore off while we were there. Mr. Edison gave him a dollar and I thought he would break his face.

After dinner Harvey and I went out to look up a telegraph office to send our congratulations to Robert J. Firestone and his bride. We found the telegraph office closed, but Harvey discovered where the young lady operator lived, so drove to her home and delivered the telegrams.

Leaving town just about dark for Hickory we broke a spring. Mr. Ford's mechanical skill came into play once again as he fixed the spring with cord.

Before reaching Hickory a piloting party came out to meet us. We ate the usual amount of dust, but in this case we were thankful for we never would have found the place. We all registered at the Hotel Huffy and they had two rooms with a bath between them for Mr. Edison and Mr. Ford and another room with a bath down stairs which they gave to me. This room had the kitchen on one side and the office on the other. At three o'clock in the morning they began to sweep up the office and clean out and I had only had about three hours sleep - just enough to waken up. If there is anything that troubles me, it is sweeping. I stood it for about half an hour and then jumped out of bed in my night shirt and went into the office and insisted that the colored man clean the office later in the morning. About the time I got things quieted there they began to stir things up in the kitchen, so my night's rest was very much disturbed.

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The next morning we all had breakfast together and went out and held our usual reception and Mr. Bollick, who has been our agent for carriage tires for the past 15 years at Conover, North Carolina, about fifteen miles from Hickory, drove in to see us.

Our next stop was at Statesville, where Mr. Ford thought it advisable to get more material for repairing the spring and as we stopped in that town we held our usual reception. At Statesville Harvay telephoned to Winston-Salem to have a spring ready for us when we arrived. We drove on hoping that our spring would carry us through to Winston-Salem, but about five miles out of Statesville the spring again gave way and it was necessary to entirely re-adjust it, taking us nearly an hour. While they were repairing the spring, following my usual custom I went to make inquiries and talk to the natives.

On this occasion I found a colored hut. I stopped and talked to the colored woman, asked her if she lived there and she said she did and had eleven children. She also said they had forty acres of land, which were paid for, and that they rented forty acres beside. Her children were all clean looking, two of them were married. They had a fine cotton field and it was surprising to me to see the signs of intelligence they showed and the good manner in which they lived.

When the spring was repaired we drove on, and at the next town we wanted to have lunch as it was twelve o'clock, but here (Knoxville, a small place), we were received by the citizens, and while they were very polite, they advised us that Winston-Salem had prepared dinner and were waiting for us there, and they thought it would be advisable to drive on, although it was thirty miles to Winston-Salem.

We drove on and about twenty miles out of Winston-Salem were received by the citizens in six cars, and, of course, their first suggestion was that they should show us the way into Winston-Salem, but out of consideration for my companions I advised them that we would drive ahead and that I would get out and ride in a car with the delegation. I asked one of the gentlemen to get in and ride with Mr. Ford and I got in the other car. Harvay drove in ahead at the rate of fifty miles an hour, so we lost sight of the Packard. We landed at the Forsythe Country Club, where the Rotary Club gave us a luncheon. However, they did not begin cooking their lunch until after we arrived and while waiting we sat on the porch and visited with all the people. Finally we were invited in to eat about three o'clock. The lunch was served very nicely and it was the first "state" dinner we had attended.

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After our luncheon we had our pictures taken and drove on into the city of Winston-Salem, where we held a larger reception in front of the Motor Company and then drove on our way to Martinsville.

On the way we got stuck in the mud and Mr. Ford and Mr. Edison insisted that we jack up the car, and get out in that manner, but I had more faith in a team of mules, so went down the road and got a team to come up and pull us out. We borrowed a chain from a lady whose husband worked on the railroad. The poor woman did not have any teeth and one of her children was sickly and crippled. She had a cow tied to a tree and I untied the cow and took this chain. During all of this Mr. Ford got very much interested in her welfare - as he had also come up to the house - and has since sent word to her to get a dentist to fix her a set of teeth at his expense and also to take the child to a hospital and have it cured.

When we got out of the mud we thanked the lady and gave her some money - about \$25.00 - and left instructions with her to stop the other cars and send them around another route so they would not have the same misfortune.

Here we met Mr. Ford's agent in Winston-Salem, who with his family were driving to Martinsville, and it was with this gentleman that Mr. Ford left instructions to see that this lady's welfare was taken care of.

When we arrived at Martinsville a real big reception was held. The entire population had congregated at the hotel and all of the young ladies were dressed in white. But we were not so much interested in the crowd as we were interested in getting something to eat and they had supper served for us, shutting the dining room doors to keep out the crowd. Here two young ladies came in and asked for money or contributions to the Red Cross. It was the first place we had been asked for money and needless to say we contributed. However, we declined their invitation to visit the Red Cross Shop. After we had our supper they said they were waiting for us at the moving picture show and insisted that we go up there, but we refused.

One thing I was particularly interested in was the fact that Marshall Fields had a fabric mill and establishment here. I talked to the Manager of this mill and as it was on our way to the next town I persuaded them all to drive out and look over this new development - which I believe is doing a great work. They are doing much good in bringing down the mountaineers and furnishing them with nice homes for the rental of a dollar a month for each room. The mountaineers work in the mills. The manager told me that the reason so many of these mountaineers looked so sorely and poorly kept was due to the fact that they did not have sufficient food. He stated that they are also furnishing schools, churches, amusements and are paying them reasonable wages.

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We arrived at Roanoke and in driving into this city stopped at our agent and inquired where to find the best hotel. We told them that when Mr. Gline and the Simplex and Sate and Willmott in the Ford arrived to send them to the Hotel. We got a room at this place and I rested, had lunch and then went out to get a tube and gasoline - but as we left the hotel to make the desired purchases we ran out of gasoline and were detained there until I got a wagon to come and give us sufficient gasoline to drive to a filling station.

As we drove out of Roanoke there was a car evidently trying to pilot us out of the City, but we decided we did not care to have them do it and passed the car against their wishes. They tried to pass us about five miles farther on, but as we were not anxious to have them do so we started to race. Our car reached a speed of sixty-one miles an hour, which was not pleasing to Mr. Edison, but Mr. Ford and I had enough sporting blood to tell Harvey to keep ahead.

When we reached Natural Bridge, Mr. Ford, Harvey and I paid our dollar and registered to look at Natural Bridge. Mr. Edison remained in the car. It was then about five o'clock. We went down and followed the trail under Natural Bridge to the Cave, the Lost River and other points of interest. As we were returning we were met by a delegation from the hotel, who escorted us back to Mr. Edison's car, where he was surrounded by the guests of the hotel. The proprietor urged us to be his guests for dinner, as it was about seven o'clock and our destination was fourteen miles over the mountains. He was not very successful in persuading Mr. Edison and Mr. Ford to remain - but there were too many good looking young ladies around for Harvey to leave and I finally persuaded Mr. Edison that the proper thing to do was to remain here and get our dinner; that that would land us in Lexington at the hotel after people had retired and we could avoid the crowd there, so he consented and jumped out of the car and we walked up to the Hotel surrounded by ladies. The proprietor gave us front rooms to wash up and had the band playing. We were then escorted to the dining room as objects of much interest; had our dinner, were royally treated, and after our reception party departed for Lexington.

We had reserved rooms at Castle Inn, which was located about one half mile out of the city in a mountain. We thought that would be a quiet hotel to rest at. We had some difficulty in finding this place, but when we did find it we were again received and entertained. In this case by two special parties given by guests at the hotel, and there was considerable rivalry between them as to which one would get the distinguished people as their guests of honor. So after being escorted to our rooms we all congregated on the front porch. One lady was giving a dancing party for her daughter and when she learned that I had my son with me, she came and asked me if I would not bring him and join their party, and I, of course, consented. But when Harvey and I went to the dining room door and looked in, I decided to come back. Whereupon the other lady asked me if I

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would not go in and join them in their party. They were having Bevo and cheese. I said - "Certainly, I will be very glad to go."

Mr. Edison and Mr. Ford went out for refreshments and then this lady of the Bevo party said - "I know you want to join the other gentlemen" - and I said "No, not at all." But I also said "let's all go out," so they all got up. On the way out the Bevo lady said coyly - "I'm not invited." So I proceeded to be pilot. Finally, after a very enjoyable evening, even if I did not drink Bevo or eat cheese - we all retired.

The next morning we ordered breakfast for seven o'clock. That was too early for the guests of Castle Inn. However, they were all up, but as this was a special breakfast they were not in the dining room. After breakfast they greeted us in the lobby and reception room and we had our pictures taken and were very polite.

Then we drove on and went through Washington-Lee University at Lexington, Virginia. The president of Washington-Lee University showed us through the tomb of Robert E. Lee and his office just as he had left it.

Mr. Edison's chauffeur and Willmott, who was riding with him that day, had been unable to locate us in Lexington the night before and had driven on to Staunton. They telephoned and we found they were located there so we drove on to meet them.

Nothing of especial importance happened in Staunton, except that we stopped for gasoline and I purchased two collars.

From Staunton we drove to a little town where we stopped for lunch. While having our lunch the Secretary of the Fair Association came in the dining room and asked us if we would not come out to the Fair - that a Senator would speak at three o'clock and that they were very anxious to have us come out - but Mr. Ford declined and after lunch we walked down the street to Mr. Edison's agent and there held a reception and a large crowd congregated around the store. We only remained fifteen or twenty minutes and then drove on to Winchester.

It rained as we came into Winchester and we drove into a garage to put up the top. I called on our agent there, who was a very nice man. Mr. Edison insisted on having some ice cream soda and we got it. Thence started for Hagarstown, Maryland.

Between Roanoke and Hagarstown we passed nineteen toll gates. It was the last day that toll gates were in operation, closing the following day. We arrived in Hagarstown about seven o'clock and had reserved rooms at the Hamilton Hotel. This place did not look good to us when we drove up, so we inquired where we could find the best hotel and discovered that the Hamilton was the best one - so we stayed there, had our

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dinner and after dinner Mr. Ford and I took a walk around the town, purchased some wool socks, which were the best I ever bought for the money. Socks that I usually paid \$2.00 for I got for fifty cents.

That evening after Mr. Ford and I had made our trip we went to Mr. Edison's room, who had been asleep and sat there visiting and talking over the trip and had a very happy evening together. We all regretted that in the morning we would go in different directions for our homes.

The next morning after breakfast in order not to attract the usual attention while saying goodby, we decided to drive out with Mr. Edison and avoid the crowd. Several miles out we took Kodak and moving pictures of our party and about twelve o'clock Mr. Edison started for Orange and Mr. Ford, Harvey and I for Pittsburgh - Sato and Willmott following with the Ford.

And so it is with many happy thoughts and pleasant memories that I have jotted down roughly a few of the many interesting things that happened on our way - when all cares were put aside and we returned to nature and youth, and I am already looking forward to our jaunt next year.

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H. S. FIRESTONE

Call Address "Edison, New York"

From the Laboratory
of
Thomas A. Edison,
Orange, N.J.

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November 21, 1925.

Dr. George F. Kunz,
c/o Tiffany & Company,
Fifth Avenue & 37th Street,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Kunz:

I greatly appreciate your kind invitation to be present at the Testimonial Meeting to be given Dr. Oscar von Miller on Monday evening, but regret that I cannot send you an acceptance.

I am passing through a recurrence of my old stomach trouble, which subjects me to rather strict limitations. It is inadvisable for me to be away from home or the Laboratory just at present.

Yours very truly,



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Mr. Bill Cys.
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Dear Bill -

It occurs to me you folks might find a use
for the enclosed photo and its story as here goes -

This is a photograph of the first Edison bamboo incandescent
lamp used in the electrographing shop of Hinds, Ketchum
& Co., 229 Pearl Street, New York City.

An Edison bi-polar dynamo was belted to a counter-shaft
driven by a vertical single cylinder slow speed steam engine,
that was also belted to printing presses, etc. On the
basement this first 110 volt isolated plant, with a
capacity of "60 lamps", was put in service in January,
1881. It was the first commercial lighting plant on
land, using the parallel or, as it was then called, the
multiple system of lighting. A few months previous a
steam-boat had been equipped with a 110 volt plant and
the new Edison carbon lamps that subdivided electric
light successfully for the first time.

It is interesting to note that the main and circuit
wires were bare copper supported on wooden cleats and that
the drop cords were double cotton covered - at first separated
and later twisted together. Fuse blocks were placed on the
ceiling and fusing was single pole Edison was right.

The single pole wooden fuse block, wooden plug fuse
and the hard wood insulation "sockets", with brass shells,
that depict the development of the Edison socket - from
the first one, into which the glass lamp globe was glued
with plaster of paris, to the first standard Edison base type
with a key switch that had an insulated handle, are on
exhibit in the "Edison Case" in the "History of
Electricity" at the Los Angeles Museum, Exposition Park,
Los Angeles, U.S.A.

Sincerely
Rollin Smith

Escondido, California
August 1, 1941

Mr. Ward Harris
519 Market Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Harris:

This piece of old hand insulated copper wire is a real historical relic for it is part of the first underground cable to carry electric current for incandescent electric lights. It is part of what Mr. Edison used at Menlo Park, N. J., in 1880. This wire carried electric current, generated on Mr. Edison's first Bi-polar Generators, that was laid underground for demonstrating the Edison Incandescent System of lighting to the Councilmen of the City of New York.

The reason for this demonstration was that Mr. Edison wanted a franchise to install an Electric Generating Station on Pearl Street. This was to become the World's first centralized electric distribution system for incandescent lighting.

Mr. Edison delegated me to find a cheap practical insulation. He said, "Go into my library, Howell, and read everything on insulation and if the books in foreign languages stump you, get Dr. Moses to translate for you".

I read the books and I smoked out the Chemist, Dr. Moses, with smoke and stonches from the iron pots in which the compounds were stewed, but the compound gave such fine results that Mr. Edison adopted it for this important demonstration. It consisted of Trinidad asphaltum, boiled linseed oil and beeswax.

Unbleached muslin was impregnated with this compound and three layers were wrapped around the copper wire. The results were very good for it did a good job while in use and lay underground at Menlo Park for fifty years after our successful demonstration to the New York Councilmen.

Sincerely yours

Wilson S. Howell

Wilson S. Howell
Edison Pioneer, 1879

Family Records Series -- Charles Edison Fund Collection
Mina Edison Papers
Correspondence

These folders cover the years 1911-1931, with a few additional items from the period 1886-1910. The documents consist primarily of letters to Mina Miller Edison from her mother Mary Valinda Miller, her brothers Edward Miller and Lewis Alexander Miller, her nephew Lewis Miller, and other family members. There are also some letters written by Mina Edison, along with correspondence from non-family members. Included are items discussing the deaths of Mina's brother Robert in 1911 and Mary Valinda in 1912, as well as the marriages of her siblings Mary (1912), Grace (1916), Lewis (1916), and John (1921). Also included are letters discussing Mina's struggle to reconcile herself to her daughter Madeleine's marriage to John Eyre Sloane in 1914. In addition, there are letters relating to the Edison family's trip to Europe in 1911, including references to reporter E. A. U. Valentine of the *New York World*, who accompanied them, and to an automobile accident in Germany that resulted in the death of a young boy and the brief arrest of the Edison family.

Among the non-family members whose letters appear in these folders are longtime Edison associate Richard R. Bowker; Margaret Colgate, wife of industrialist Richard M. Colgate; Kate S. Curtis, wife of publisher Cyrus H. K. Curtis; Elizabeth B. Custer, widow of General George A. Custer; and Florence Doubleday, wife of publisher Frank N. Doubleday. Other documents by non-family members include a communication regarding Thomas Edison's visit to the French Pavilion at the 1915 Panama-Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco, along with two letters from William J. Hammer regarding money and food vouchers sent by eight Edison Pioneers in 1920 to Francis Jehl in Budapest. Also included are resolutions by the New England Society of Orange and the New Orleans Woman's Club on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the electric light and several letters pertaining to anniversary activities at Chautauqua.

Approximately 50 percent of the letters for 1911-1931 have been selected.

365 Canada St-
St Paul, Minn

Feb 14/84

My dear Mina

I am sure you it would
give me great pleasure to accept
your cordial invitation and attend
your wedding. Perhaps I might if it had
only occurred to Mr Edison to invent
some method of travelling that would
make one independent of land road
trains, and such expensive luxuries.
I am sure it would be no more dif-
ficult than some things he has already
done to perfect some little pocket
attachment, that might be hung on
the back of your chair, by which you
would be whisked away to the ends
of the earth whenever the fancy
seized you. Please suggest it to him
whenever he has a couple of spare hours
to devote to the work. Sincerely
yours
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dear little girl I can hardly make myself believe that you are actually grown up. I think of you always with special tenderness because of my one little daughter whose short life began with your own babyhood: it was you who filled the arms she left empty, and I used to watch you from year to year and think just what she would have been if she had lived. So it partly seems as if you belonged to me, and I have no words to assure you of my tender love for you or my hopes and prayers for your happiness. Life has troubles and cares and disappointments for all, but I have found it full of blessedness, and so will you. The old song is right — "There isn't more night than day," and it is a very good world to live in for people who believe in the leading of a Father's hand, and trust His love and wisdom for today and tomorrow.

You'll be a "Lornie bride", dearie, and I hope the sun will shine on you. I'm afraid if you were mine I never could find it in my heart to give you up, but that would be selfish in me, so perhaps it is well I am eased the temptation. If you were here you might be married in a palace, gorgeous enough for fairy-land, where our wonderful ice castle is illuminated from foundation to turret with many colored electric lights, and looks like a pile of precious stones.

Harry is in Omaha, fond at home, well and busy, keeps hobbling around the house on crutches from a sprained ankle, but gaining every day.

Write love to all the family, and especially to yourself.

Your Aunt
Emerald H. Miller

Granville Ills.

Nov. 19
1891

My dear Miss

A few years ago some of the Ladies here in Granville feeling that it was a great pity that we had no art collection in the vicinity organized an Art Guild to try to get pictures, vases etc, and have talks and lectures on art as a means of education. We have had very good success, and have a beautiful room in the Lunt Library where we have gathered some really good pictures, vases, bronzes and casts from famous statuary. Our finest pottery and porcelain was purchased at the close of the Exposition, where

articles were sold at great advan-
tion, and many specimens (some
exhibits were donated.

This year we have undertaken
to complete so far as possible our
collection of American clivies and
porcelains, and of course the
most beautiful ware that we
can trust is the Hookwood, and
the New Jersey Belleck ware. Do
you not feel like honoring
your adopted state, and
making us all happy and
grateful by sending us some
specimens of the beautiful ware
made at Benton. I wanted to
give a little talk about the
New Jersey manufactory last
Wednesday, and could not
find a single specimen
among the members of the

club, and everybody was surprised
to hear that the quality of Belleck
made in New Jersey was admitted
to be finer than the Irish.

I hope I may have the pleasure
of putting in an exhibit labelled
with your name, among the
present attractions of the Art Room,
but if not, please pardon me
for making the request.

I had a lovely visit with
Harry this summer, and miss him
sadly now that he is gone. Fred
is very well indeed, and I have
pleasant letters every week from
George and his pretty little wife.
They are keeping house in Fresno California.

I am as well as usual, but I get
dreadfully tired sometimes of this house
full of girls, and all the care and
responsibility, and long to drop it all

and run away. I have not heard
in a long time from Anne. Her
sister Jennie is still ill, as she
was never recovered my last letter.
With love to yourself, and to the kind
Peckins.

Affectionately
Emily K. Miller

In reading this over I am afraid I have
not made it clear that this collection
belongs to the University.

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GLENMONT
LEWELLYN PARK

My darling Mother. This evening we are
going to a concert and vote on the
School board question. Madeline
and I are voting + Papa goes to the
laboratory without voting. How is that
for advanced thought? He is too busy
you do it - is the answer he gave me.
Today I had lunch with some fine
people and we certainly had a pleasant
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train. Thomas is going down to the
Laboratory to do some business with some
men on the Valley side so it came in
very conveniently for me as I wanted to go
to this concert. Last night he was down
seeing men on the morning picture
question in the schools. What I am
afraid of is he will get the Laboratory money
gone. Mr. Hutchinson is so full of energy
that he keeps Thomas constantly in a
high pitch. It is all right for health. He is
young but Thomas has had his brain at
that & should ease up. His - God bless you, Maria.



On board SS "CEDRIC"

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My dear Mrs Edison
Just a line to tell
you how much I
appreciate your sweet
thought of me in
sending the lovely
roses. And it was
so dear of Madeline
to come down to the
steamer. How I would

been to have taken
her with me today
My brother had
planned to sail
with us but at the
last moment was
obliged to give up
his room which
communicated with
ours, so if Madelaine
could have joined
us, we would both
have been as happy. She is
a dear girl and if possible
I wish to see her more closely
than ever. I hope Mrs. Johnson
will continue to visit and
that when we next leave the well
have seen her to remove the
work of going, more comfort to the

would He has done
such great things for
all mankind who! I pray
God will give him a
long life with health
and joy for you all

Dedicated yours

David W. Crozier



254, 4th St 85th St
Amway, I. H. W.

My dear Mrs Edison

It is my delight that
I have only two
Engagements the 11th
and the 15th

February as yet
that is, the work
beginning the 10th
It will be such a

I did you, at our Club, and
arranged it as a favor of his
before I see from again.
And may one says as you
did I hope to see you again
then I don't know what to do.
I must not forget to tell you
Mrs Page's address. I thought
nearly Boston City would be good here
but Mrs Wally & Page's Cathedral
at St. Mary's address.

When my husband's Remembrance to
you is made, I will be
pleasure to go and
see you in your own
home and I cannot
but find how my
fortunate I was to
be placed beside you
yesterday.
It is so hard for me
to learn to be reconciled
to this New York
side of earth. For I
meet friends as

Very truly
yours
Elizabeth C. Carter

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24. April 83
Mardi 6^{ue}

My dear Mrs Edison
You
have given me so
much pleasure I
would like to do
something for you,
and it occurs to me
that you may have
or your daughter
some philanthropy

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Expected within one year for
hundred dollars. Of course I
would like a more profitable investment
for my friends if I could go into
the Lyceum hall in a public place
but I do dread that and try
always to lay off.

Don't trouble to reply right
away dear Mrs Elder & just
thank them and I shall be
so glad to do this at any time. 25

For which you would
like to raise some money.
If so I would like to
offer my services.
I have a paper on
the Indiana Standard
that I have read for
my friends philanthropic
donal terms and they
made quite a little
sum while for our
Hospital at Bronxville,
the board tells me
the Standard paper

or if you have social
obligations and would like
me to read at a reception
I shall be so glad to do so.
I was such a pleasure to
be with you the other day
and I enjoyed and
appreciated those bright
moments so — and the
beautiful orchids are still
on my bureau —
And dear Mr Edison
I am so very glad that
I know you and have
seen you in your own

home — and my
little daughter —
I'm glad to have
you.
Bill Thedon I have
one or two magazines
slowly and appropriately
and I think it is
remarkable to find a
publication so well
adapted to those for
whom it is written and
do excellent in its
general make up.
Affectionately Yours
W. Elizabeth B. Carter

Mrs. Papp was in
North Carolina and
so long & Miss going
home

pieces of my husband's life being and
I want to write to them but every-
thing has been so busy and busy I could not
get out any thing. My love to the boys.

My dear childrens to Susan
I was so glad to write a letter
and tell you every thing I could
think of and tell you to cheer up and
enjoy life as best you can. I hope
and think it is better to have and lose
than never to have especially a
lovely husband and dear little children
it is very true it is hard to part
with them but you have the pleas-
ure of knowing we did have it good
times to gether and live in hopes of
having the same some time soon
again. Love will come around often

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You will now class ones, when the wife gets to your house, you will see things more than
I can think of, I fear that, Misses and my best wish is for you ever young with
and know how much to contribute to the cause if you will be so kind to write
Love and all will be right I hope about ready to start to you I feel
hoping and trusting God's blessing soon about in a week and it is three
don't know yet but I am sure he will it is dark and raining but I am
has not been in the house for at Grace Mr Lewis and Mr Lewis with
has gone up his letterpress things Margaret and Mr Butler for a while
we hear yet I have called over to make Milton and Tracy have went
his office but never can get him the long letter which this morning
but I have now with some other was very much surprised to see such
to tell him but I don't know if he if find Church I have never been in
does or not it makes me feel very our new churches so glad the girls
said once in a while but I don't try if they would go with me for I would
to look on the bright side and trust like to see what is in our intelligence
for every thing coming right yet I see we meet of few old friends all over
today I always thought of great desire to be very glad to see one of
of him and I will continue to send him want to go to all the churches I have
in hopes of his love and respects never hear in if Grace has will go

I am safe you and dear Johnny will go on
and my mood better longer I do love to
hear from you and your family
I do think I had better stay at home
with me I hardly know what to do
I would not do anything
I mean she may come back here
then she will do with me but we
want her to stay some place until
better weather but as it is what
say what she will do for she seems
pretty well now but I am not sure
I wish I could do more for her
I think it cleared her eyes and
had to shed a few tears once in a
while. Now looking I am at going
to try and write often one word to
dear Johnny then the next to my dear
Aunt and Mr. Edison I do love you

brother and dear friend come on and go and see
how nicely I and every thing is. Let us be content
and look forward not to the night left neither
fash ward but always forward for better times and
I shall hope in that beautiful home above in the
hoped with this my Alma Chis Long 27 1844
dear does not end all we will be as the beautiful flower
cut down by the sea and the season
for a little time but soon will grow up again show up
peculiarly.

How are
you this holy Sabbath morning I do hope both
are well but I fear you are tired it is hard
work to have so many around all the time
and especially such noisey ones as Lucy
and Grace yes Margaret they are all so
noisey but that is good once in a while
but too much makes one tired I do hope
you can rest some now and soon it will
be more quiet as the party is over and
dark gloomy weather will be with us so
we will do though we could do nothing but
be quiet and rest until better weather is

Monday morning and all well but it is cold I do hope you and all your dear ones are well and enjoying yourselves as far
can in the winter time birds and boys with sympathy, Mrs. Jones seems quite like her self so far we were all at the
I just want to ^{send you} perform church services I do trust with you too, all things after this, come home when
it has been so long since I did write to you during night now there was a very nice day
on the 10th I do feel very and ashamed of late to me this morning and I should never
but really it seemed I could not get my and added about you now you see our long
self settled long enough to think of letters there made be think of you and it may be you
well coming as it is we went to the Grace said on did some good act that brought
Reformation church we are going to the different her in the church and remind you for that
churches but to see the church and hear the different when we think we are doing no good
ministers we have about concluded the little and can hardly see why we are living for is
Methodist Church is good as any do for us when we are doing good to some one let us
go to the Baptist next Sunday if all are well strive to live for others if we cannot just
it seems rather pleasant to go to other churches may see the good. Darling I think of you
for you meet more that I love you and as day and night and wish I could do one thing
glad to see you than at your own we could either in word or act that would help you
hardly get out of the church this morning there it seems you see how has had so many
was so many of late to us and seemed so glad of us in it you would be glad to get said
to see us I don't know what Doctor Allman of us for a while any way I wonder how

Starting you said you love you Sean
Madeline you can laugh how glad I
am you said and now I hope love will grow to
be stronger and longer what would we do without
Leanne and Tracy will they get are all believ
ing themselves to gether ^{our love ones} I fear they will
take you out for sure I wonder how Leanne
Edison likes it he says so little one cannot
know what he thinks. I hope the party was
all right and now you will feel a little better
and every thing will be pleasant for you now
my Sean as for Sean Madeline what can I
say it does seem hard to think she is going
to leave us I say leave us for it does seem
after one things they are all for there new life
and new home not that they don't love and
care for there Sean ones at home sweet home
but it does seem natural for self to be made
ready first then come Sean Father Mother

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Dear Ma Feb 22 1881

My dear Maria and Mr. Edison

I am so sorry I have been so long in
answering your letter asking for a little
advice from you and I hope you will my long
delay and please believe me when I tell you

I am no adviser but I do read advice
all the time I would tell every thing to
you and ask advice but I am ashamed

and sorry I am so much trouble all ready
I feel lost of and are between two fires
as you say and it is very hard to keep from
being burnt but every thing is so uncertain
it is very hard to tell the right course to take
but I can tell you it is hard in your case
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What is nearer to us ~~is~~ Mother as long as all could go as usual talker of some time
 laughter laughter it seemed to me nothing else but I fear you will never get all the
 like a dear child then when dear husband started he is so anxious to ~~see~~ it is hard
 is gone I how we are miss him no one to leave of dear husband one that has done
 can take his place so it is very very hard to do much for all of us I don't know what
 tell which one to leave but I had made we would do or have some if the Lord will had
 sup my mind nothing but Leah would ever get to our help I when I think of your
 separate your dear Mother and my self if dear Father at that time I how pleased
 all were well nothing would separate us Leechen he was it makes me weep to think
 as of Family neither what is better or more of that time I must not repeat for we have all
 comforting than our lovely living Family, we can have all ready or now Will please wonder
 as far as your going over to Ensign will to write to him so will I send will forward bill
 dear Madeline I think it is all right as you ^{dear} darling line he has a long time that is expected
 will want to get some things from there any you let anyway I keep thinking I see you like
 way if dear Mr. Leechen would like dear ^{writing tomorrow and then tomorrow it is the same}
 going to stay with him I think he would rejoice along I love you and sympathize with you desire
 to do so but Oh how much more pleasant I know your heart is burdened and you don't know

what to do - there is really no one to give advice
as your own inner feeling is really the only guide
that indicates and decides and you will find a whole
load of your troubles roll off your back. Indecision is
one thing bad. The book that I imagine has been
giving you some comfort - for darling - she thinks
of you and Madeline all the time - she wants to write
Madeline but says she does not know how - she keeps
saying to me all the time - "I wonder if Madeline realizes
what it means" - of course she can't - that comes only
with the steps taken. Louis & I go to write Saturday evening
8 o'clock - you can't imagine how I want to go. It will be so
lonely there too without you all. Don't understand why Louis
wants to go there with you all away. Thank you for the dear
little valentine. It was sweet. I like to imagine and mean
one but the address was printed so I can not use it unless
you like. I must write soon. Meet me in Florida for a
two weeks stay - I think that would be that for you all
Love to each and every one of your darlings.
Your truly, Mary.

Ms. B. 1. 1. 11.

MRS. THOMAS A. EDISON
ORANGE, N. J.

My darling Mother. It just
seemed all wrong that
you were not with me in
that drawing room last
night - If I had known that
I had a drawing room and
that everything was so easy
and comfortable I would
have urged you even at the
last moment to have come
with me. You are in
my mind every minute.
Now is the time to come
to me for a nice visit. It is
so beautiful now and every
thing so quiet and peaceful.

15-8-38

Madeline is absorbed in her
play etc. and Thomas working
very evening totally absorbed
in his work. If you think
you could be contacted
for a month or six miles
do let Leo take a dressing
room and bring you
right on - Grace can finish
her work there and then
come on later and finish
out our visit together. I am
sure that we can take care
of you. Has Leo bring the
hot-bottle-bag for the train.
I did have such a sweet
train drink and I know
that I am stronger and
better able to meet my little

arrangements for having had your
small influenza - you go there for
home - there was a wonderful piece in
my heart and mind all the time. I
was in dear old N.Y. Place with you
and I am planning to tell you to it -
The atmosphere of N.Y. is a beautiful one
to live in - when there is no dusting - I
shall try to have quiet and spend some
time - and in a few months - you must
help my mother down. Thomas says that
we may go to Europe about the 20th of July
for six weeks - What do you think is good?
Also we are going up all before of the
fructifying the Man in the square so Thomas
is looking about a Robert. With love

What Leo told me about the Thomas case.
He is looking into the matter. Tell Leo to get
busy and get his agents over here to see
him. Leo was dear to me when home
and I thank him for all his kindness.
Grace dear is a bump, and I hope that
she is getting on beautifully with all her
work. Enclosed is a kind word that
was awaiting me upon my return.

Must get ready for my guild.
God bless, dear heart. Your loving
daughter - Nina.

May 4th, 1911.

May. 7, 1911

Dear Mina,

Your letter to Mother
in which you said that Mr. Edison
was thinking of buying a new
Auto, and you told him to buy
a Thomas was read to Mother
by me. The Packard is all right
but the Thomas is better for this
season. The ~~Edison~~ Packard
people have been trying for some
time to make a six cylinder
Auto, but it cost so much
to experiment, that they decided
the ~~best~~ best way to do was to

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parents public so don't tell
tails out of school.

Now if Thomas A. want a Thomas
car I can get him one of
the 1911 cars with top doors
and every thing that goes with
a full ac for thirty five
hundred dollars. \$3500.00.

Mr. Jones has a new car and
I know it is a good one for he
took me this last week for
a drive of one hundred and
seventeen miles, and we only
changed gears twice. He went

get a good six cildnes come
by going in with what they
thought was the best car
make so they ~~are~~ took the
Thomas. They sent me Ho
of their best men to Buffalo
this winter, and if you should
go to the Packard and ask
them or tell them you would
like a six cildnes steady
would tell you to go to the
Thomas people they make
the best in the market
All this is not kind by the

at least one hundred and two⁴
miles on first gear. Up and ~~thru~~
down hills. Now if you want
this case it will be cheaper
than what he will pay in N.Y.
Mr. Jones and I will run the
case through to you, any time
you wish. Have Thomas A.
look at the Thomas case and
see what they are like, and
then let me know what he think
of them. Let me know if you
want this case. Mother and her
love to you. Come again. Mother enjoys
your visit, as well as ~~all~~ us,
with much love. Fair's A.

IRA M. MILLER
AKRON, OHIO

May 31. 11

Dear Ming,

I want to thank you for your
encouraging letter and assure you that
I prize your advice in regard to the
Wagon business. The last week I spent
in Indianapolis, Dayton, Columbus and
sold one \$7950.00 job to a good party
in Indianapolis and made many good
acquaintances & friends for the Wagon
who will be buyers later. Our trouble
yet is lack of confidence, the Lead Battery
having been for some so poorly. We are
gaining right along and will hang on
believing success will crown our
effort later on. The little light Wagon
is wanted and I am glad Mr. Nelson
is making good progress that way.
Baker's, Leander's, De. Crane, Fellows
are calling for such Wagons.
I had to leave this you are going to get your
European trip this ^{at present} and I wish you all the

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happiest of all times.

Mother made us a call at ~~Immaculate~~
on Decoration Day so you see she
is well and the rest of us are
all well able to be around.

Making ready for the family
to spend the summer at ~~San~~
Tanque. I believe it a good
place for Cora & the girls they all
seem to enjoy about alike and
seem happy there.

Made us another ~~Almon~~ visit
soon, for their calls do Mother
and all give lot of good.

With love to you all —

John.

Will you bring the pictures and send
all your dear ones.

Yours affectionately

Alton Chi June 8 1891

My dear Miss Anna & Edwison

I have received your long letter
in this morning but looking as no
one is at home I hardly know how
to answer it or write this letter but
I will the first thing tell you your
fine set of silk handkerchiefs had
come to me and I do thank you for
them but I fear Mr Edwison would
like some of them once in a while
they are so good when one has a
cold or some little trouble of any
kind. Looking my pen is a little
out of order but I hope you can

read the little I will write this Miss Elizabeth Robinson was pleased
 fine I want you to know we received yesterday no one but the ones being
 the Telegram and the nice hard chief in the house and the ministers and
 I do thank you for them and I saw the Groomer Father and Mother with need
 you and your dear ones go to camp the last night Mrs Robinson sitting
 I think the best thing on way is for in her chain her woman I haven't
 you to do it for things just as if heard how she is since the change
 that was all to do and if Gracy Lewis took care and Margaret left
 her and I can be with her to Sabantoga Monday making sure
 Edison any time we will and have not come back yet Gracy is in
 every thing as you have mentioned will miss Trimmant will be home Saturday
 you go right on and do have signed it may be I stay with us at night
 useful time don't let any thing trouble Mrs Leslie is here also so you do
 you every thing will come right be I have company but I can tell you
 contented and wait for good I do I do miss my dear ones but all will
 be all the well and ready for be fixed right soon her baby will
 for any thing that may come stay with her Mr Edison will be started

Don't wait ⁴ for good ⁴ have a good
time

now I do hope he will go and let the
war take care of its self don't let
any thing stop this trip but sickness
or heat now is the time to go.

I am not going to stop as that time
is near. I am in fine the sent me
her first readish it is can't on by
the first steady. I do hope you all
are well and will get ^(get ready) and we will
do the best we can to have good time
but I cannot tell much or say thing until
they hear comes just as soon as they
are we will let you know everything
but you go on and do just as if we
were not hear that is the best I think

Stamont.

My darling, darling Mother. I think you are abused
Are you considering my telegram. Be sure to take
a dressing gown when you come and don't
have more than two in it. It is very comfortable
travelling that way - My going to Europe on the
24th of June is very unexpected as I had thought
Charles would go with Madeline and ~~William~~
Larson but he has made other plans and
as I am anxious to get Madeline away
I thought it my duty to take her especially
as Thomas is now pretty much out of his
deepest water and seems very well - I am
hoping that John will be willing to be here
during July until he sails Aug. second.
Charles is coming over then with his father.
Madeline is not anxious to go and the
Sloans are certainly putting in good time.
Madeline is with them constantly and they
are simply flattering her to the limit. Oh,
I am sick over the whole affair but if
it is to be I am praying for grace but I am
then being that I have secured myself for John
with the Sloans. I pay them no attention
whatsoever and I fear more for fear 5-4500

write John. I am hoping that Madeline will see her mistakes and understand herself better later on. We are certainly busy trying to get off and make ourselves agreeable as well. There are a number of things going on and it is simply ^{packing} taking today. It has been 90 in this sitting room today. The first of the week it was fine as it rained all the time and kept cool. It was a god send to me in trying to get ready. I sincerely hope that it will keep quite cool until the packing is done. Even after that for those who want it. I must say that hot weather is not my ideal as to weather.

Mr. & Mrs. Colgate and Miss Blankenship are coming in for dinner this evening and Thomas says that he is going out in the car just the same. He makes out that he is so abused if we ask him not to go that I have not the courage to ^{supp} him. How I dread to go and leave him behind but I am booked that way. Robert & Louise arrive on Thursday. Mrs. Gilliland wants us to come there for luncheon but I am going to try to get her to come here as they will not be

time to go to Palham Manor. Poor old Robert is not to have the post office it seems but he does not seem to regret it.

She is coming for dinner tomorrow and we have children's day for which we have been busy preparing all day.

There are so many things that come in when you are connected with any work - Sunday School and Guild keeps one pretty much on the jump.

I am glad that Mary is improving. I think she will soon be all right again. Poor girl, has had a siege of it.

Theodore does not seem to have been injured at all but seems very well. It certainly was a narrow escape. It was the little red car and just one of the back wheels ran over the soft part of the stomach. His foot slipped off the step and he fell under the car. He was fooling while the car was in motion.

Charles is pretty tired after his late work so he is going to rough it in the mountains of Arkansas until his father is ready to sail. I must be glad to see them!

I must go and tell them about

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crushing the steamboilers as they will soon
be arriving -

Godnight - winter loading - look to all
at home - Punigly reunion.

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to go and when she wants to come
home I will come after her. Say
goodbye to all the other ones.
With much love, Lewis

Alton Chi June 20 1871

My dear old time Arabian and Helen
to the bear ones that are just ready to
swim over the grate deep just up and
off grass wishes and one of the best of
times while on water and while right along.
I have just received a lovely letter
from my dear today the bear one
he thinks I will not be in the way if we
do get there before you sail but I some
times think it better to wait as it makes
confusion to have one come and another
go but I would love to see you and the
bear ones that go with you but as dear lady
talked so he thought I could not get ready.

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I can tell better when dear Gray comes down. All send love and best wishes in time she is in Ireland now she can tell better when she comes home. This will be of some use here for this evening we will telegraph when we can write while she is wanted to go to Chicago. I do hope you all will have a grand next week for a while, I want to come time keep well both on water and land home soon as Mr. Erison and dear and will be able to do all that is worth Charles Dicks I hope dear Johnny can come seeing I hope you will meet dear Pat home as far as to be engaged with me if you do give her kisses and best wishes then Johnny can go to Niagara with mine and remember me to her husband I hope to have and miss Hargraves then she can rest well and going well. Oh how glad she will and have a fine time she needs rest I do to see all of you I am but so happy fear I am or will be do care to her, time it will be to meet again. I am so glad you had a good time with when I do wonder if I can be of any use. Dear Robert and Louis I expect they are feeling comfort to dear Mr. Erison some times very anxious just now watching and listening. I fear I will be more trouble than good my with eager eyes and ears what an anxiety but dear Johnny and Gray think it is all things I do hope he will do well I ought all right for me to be there now I don't like to write a letter to him and his father and

Since the Lewis has taken a little ⁴ more time to
stay good by the month will just write my
best wishes and love and ask each other to
bill each for me in case I am not fit to
come to as do my self. I am wearing long
clothes I do hope to travel good but will
them this summer at Oak place log and
barn with Margriet and Elizabeth will be at
Kilbuck at all times they are well I took
lover with us this year.

Our China just came all trouble and have
a good time take good care of each other
and let little things take care of their selves
please tell dear Johnny I will answer his
lovely letter when I have see him.

Dear Miss Goodbye. I hope
you will have a fine time, and
all things turn out the way you
would like Mother did not
know what to do, but I tell her
over

PA What do you think of
having these Pamphlets for the
whole Sunday School I will get
them for one and you for four
please tell me Love and
kisses to you and each one.

IRA M. MILLER
AKRON, OHIO

June 21, 1911

Dear Nina:

Spent the day yesterday with
Mother at Caledonia and much did we
talk about you and the fine trip you
are about to take. I wish you much
joy and comfort and know that Mother
& Gordon will enjoy it and learn much.
To bid Thomas and Hubert cannot go right
along now and make one good family
trip. But a little is better than none.
Nina much do I appreciate the letters
you have recently written me and
I am holding on with the strong hope
that affairs will bring you back
before long. Mr. Hulse says today to tell
them you are more cars but was sent home
without, only answer Miller you are to
look I am disappointed must think the
matter over further. The Babcocks and Gene
Forsky are my chief competitors. Good Bye
Happy time to you all — I am — 11-5962

enough to kiss by the lips, I wish with you let you hear
whether will you for me and I am sure you would rather
have her kiss than mine darling & I hope there never
be kisses sweeter than your dear mother's we may kiss
but love is deeper and more lasting. Please give thanks
and regards and best wish, Pauline 11 June 1871

from your Grand Mother
for the kind letter Dear Miss Abigail Thames
and mother the
things are this bright beautiful June
morning only a few more days in this
beautiful month then comes the Sunday
but at the same time beautiful things in it
I trust you all are well & I am enjoying
the scenery of the East sea coast but
there are many things you will see that you
never thought of but that is one great reason
we go over there for is to see and learn
Well darling I am in the dear little room you
have so kindly and lovingly have made
ready for me I do enjoy it it seems like
home to me but alas yet I have not left Dear
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you are going to ask each one to kiss each other every day
for me with best wishes and good wishes for you would
bear me well good for you coming to the house seems
of it as they will think it is a shame that you went out to camp you see every thing in school
in bear to dress and on dress because it is the same in by not clean in all ways and
bear the Eason is as a real cat and bugs bear little down bright he goes from one room
off to his work but once he has he complained to us rather searching for someone and getting
of the stomach he was out for dinner with then says someone says to sleep but he thinks
some men but in the morning he was all right he bears someone up he jumps hoping it
admitted he is of dear good than you should may be my bear little Thomas the one he thinks
he glad of him I do hope you and bear the chicken no one like him it pleases Tracy to bear the
and little Thomas are glad and will do all they Eason say you Bless a day it shows he thinks
can to please and cheer him there bear Father of bear little Thomas the best I think at Eason
Tracy and I was at all options for financing house his family and I do hope they have there
and we had a very pleasant time every thing bear the house and Father and they will be well
and we will in every way after we come they to make life pleasant for him
some Mrs. Foster's Sawmout with one little girl little Charles is visiting some place he
called that was very pleasant for I do think it was well when he left and Tuesday evening he
came to come home and he alone at first being to it bear Loring also now my bear bright
Lord Linner will not then be another Miller want you to be glad and thank for ^{so much} your very much

We had a good letter from Susan & Marie
also one from Rebecca & Francis also one from
Doris all good because all talked and they
were well and every thing moving along all
right it is long every thing seems along seem-
ing all right but at the same time you dear
ones are missed I can tell you a day I received
a letter returned from them and in it was the
very pretty hand written for me and they were from my
dear little Thomas for while I had to stay
low that was then I made up my mind to had don't
them to them for me and as I left they were sent
back here to me now with all that traveling and delay-
ing I have them safe and all right and I want to
thank you for them both use for all I am not

Orange N.S. July 11, 1881,

My darling Anna Madelon and Oliver

I will
write just a line to each of you later
on this time as it is so warm I cannot
hold my hand still enough to make the lines
as they should be it really is warm just
now but we ad. it don't hold are keeping
well and trying to be as contented and happy
as we can but who can be that perfectly
when one sees so many dear ones are so
far from us? O we as mild day and night
and in every room and place we go but
with all of this we hope you all are well and
enjoy your selves the best you can among
strangers and so far from a lovely
home as this it is beautiful here I am
in my dear little room trying to write
just a few lines to you the wind comes

Dear Geo-ey will write and I will write
 soon again if it cools a little. It would
 be nice to hear from you often as time and things
 will let you write.
 in and in a while and cools wd a
 little. I do wonder if it is as warm there
 where you are I do hope not it would be
 very hard to go around much, we are all
 well that we hear. Dear Charles with a
 friend left wd Sunday for Arkansas
 Dear one I fear it is both there and with the
 very hard for him or them.

Dear I do think you have a very nice
 class of workers each one goes on just as
 regular as if some one was watching and
 directing all are so kind and good to us
 every thing as far as I know is all right but
 we do miss you my dear Anna all will be
 glad to have you home again. Dear Geo-ey is
 going to write to see she will tell for things.
 I cannot know about as she is a new mare
 than I we have been to church and have
 called on a few so every thing is very pleasant.

and home like dear Ismy comes in every
 evening that helps to cheer and make any
 thing right. we had a letter from Lou
 every thing seemed to be in order there the
 boys and other get out to us they say
 Bhangwa is full of it of grade year there
 Lewis spent the month there will live
 Lelia is in Ahogo so you see Ash place
 is nearly empty of the Mitane family
 Now I will close hoping you and dear ones are
 having the best of the time dear Let have you and
 her get dear one please give her my very best wishes
 are respects also her husband I do hope both are well
 I am sure they will be glad to see you dear ones
 I will now ask you to please accept my very
 best of wishes and respects and bid adieu
 long adieu to dear ones for this lovely time
 Tell little Thomas his folks are all well and going
 well

Funck is over and Mrs. Funck is in the sitting
room reading, now I am glad beer is here Lucy and I
got home from the job I have just had at last
and needed for some we are all ready for the
evening meal as usual I do hope you have good
things to eat also, I wish the more I look and
you lovely home the more I feel proud of you I do
think you have a good house keeper every thing has
a place and every thing changes at July 17 1911

in it and clearly I can feel the climate of the house.

O how glad I would be to see all of you this
beautiful morning it is quite cool and very fresh
this morning and I have just come in from
taking Lucy and Mrs. Lockett to the station as
they are going to the job now
while I am waiting for Mrs. Funck to come
in I will try and write a few lines to you
my dear one. I am glad I can tell you we
are all well and little snowbird is well and
enjoyed his ride with us this morning he is so
very nice he will sit on the front seat and

look around as much pleased as any one
 can be he is a fine little fellow but I do
 think he misses his little master very much
 he goes from room to room looking for that
 dear little boy that used to play with him
 so much care of him but he will do all of us
 are doing as well as any lock can with out
 a leader it seems we have to have a
 leader let us do what we may or be where we
 may they must be at hand and leader in every
 thing and they are missed when absent
 I do hope every thing grows more lovely
 every day and the time is shortened by
 scenery and works of nature I am most
 sure all of you I will be glad of this most
 delightful thing I am so glad all keep well
 get better yet some times better than before
 both with you three and all of us hear hear
 the reason is just as when all were here just

of every day and night he is very anxious
 about it certain people all advise he thinks
 it must be right before he can feel all right
 I think the flat weather affects all of us very
 much but now it is quite cool and dear John
 is a darling little room it is warm and bright
 I keep it for my resting place I sleep in dear
 Charles's room but stay or keep this dear
 place for when I want to be alone and have
 a good home rest. I will hear is dear Bruce and
 a young one that come with us back to town
 after he goes back after lunch that is ready
 now dear Bruce seems do much better than I
 expect to see her it seems it cannot be her
 it is wonderful how sparrows can be and
 better yet some times better than before
 I will I must go to lunch Oh how I wish
 we could eat it together but I am glad
 we are all well and having good times by way.

My older ones the dear father would come in
often and if he did not see Snow Bright he would
say where is baby Edison and when we would
be eating he would give him something to eat
we could see every day he missed his little son
as well the other dear child you have a good
long husband Do not get off folks and though
and enjoy him and your dear children although
not how do the
silver card may show this baby 1811
be broken why dear Anna Madeline and Sister

How glad I would be if I new exactly how
each one was if well and having the best
time of their lives I as hope this is your
great position and now what your
reading these lines if dear ones can make
us feel any better can cheer and chase
all trouble from us you and are enjoying
this now you have dear husband and
dear Madeline and these dear father
and Brother with them O what de precious
time all to gather enjoying the handy

wanted of man and God the one that
controlt all thing nothing could we
do with out help from on high
Well Bishop Vincent having another
Tracy and Loving yet Ira and Sara
we were all at church to hear the
Bishop he gave us the fine yet a good
deamon the house was full every one
nearly a look hands with us
Tracy and I was always so long and hear
Johnny being with us seemed to draw all
to me

The Bishop hear Louis Robbet
yes Sara's able with Mr Lewis took
home with us all to gether the day
had all most fast and we have hardly
noticed how the time has past I am
trying to write now to you because I want

this to go with dear Johnny so he can
give it to your darling so you can.

know yet know I die and remember and think
of you all the time and wish you all the
pleasures of this life not only now while
over here but when you come home once
through your life whether it be long or short
now my dear with my missing you and
the other dear ones with you I must say I
have it good and fine time every one so very
kind and every thing so clean and pleasant
I did coming home Mrs Power was with us
and Mr Ekerson was so kind and pleasant
the time dear Johnny was with us good deal of
the time well I can not begin to tell the good
time for it was good and pleasant all the time but
with all the pleasure we did miss I hear me
that is so far from me dear little ones bright
he muddled his little master but he was a man

Liner's Code 1234

HÔTEL DU PAVILLON IMPÉRIAL
DIGUE DE MER
BOULOGNE-SUR-MER

My darling, darling mother. How shall I write! I am in a daze and I cannot believe that I have been rightly informed, it just seems impossible - Poor, old Robert gone! How can it be true! Again you have tried to spare me, I know, not having had one word from any of you concerning the awful tragedy. By mail this morning I had a letter from Anna Carlisle and she lists thought that I knew nothing of it. All you poor dears at home have been hearing this great sadness all the time that I have been going about enjoying all about that was new to me in the old world. It makes me more

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10 Avenue - Great mistake. 5 St. James's, must
not be! A letter of some kind you once called! But
I shall go - I wish that I was, from a
beautiful - one of God's chosen - so that I
might be a comfort to you. Always great
love from the mother to her son. I hope that
I shall have a letter to read soon. I hope
to many words of encouragement and to
write to you in my own special of writing and
to write to you in all. I am at home, that is
the point. The grand father! He is beautiful
and you that they will give to you. I
must be near home but I am I hope that I
shall not get that one more - I shall be
there for days in New York and then. The
great part is all on that he was so near
of home and make such happy people.
I am home and I shall be soon. I am
hoping to have full particular something.

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I am very anxious to have the
time pass until I get home.
I feel too far away and until I
receive the telegram about
the vessel that Thomas and
Charles would arrive at six I
could hardly contain myself as
I expected them somewhat last
evening upon one arrival here
and that the steamer that
arrived again at less today. They
were not here it was not
have any message. Getting the
news from home it made
me very nervous about Charles
and his father. Trusting in
the old adage "no news is good news"
I can now be quiet to me again.
Poor dear Louis and those three
children! A broken hearted
family! Every one so devoted and
each so individual but making
a beautiful whole. How can it be?
Even now I am hoping that there

but I shall wait ^{with} patience for news from
you - It is not the place ~~to~~ any place
but from the "old home". Dear old home!
The more bright star ~~comes~~ from the circle
In. note that his father was ill but was
better and I ~~was~~ for a moment thought of
its being any thing so serious. Oh, how I wish
that I might have sent him our message
of love while he was lying there suffering
but I trust that his suffering was not great.
Darling brother! We shall miss him, oh,
how we shall miss him! But darling, don't
you grieve, keep well sweet heart! Oh, don't
get sick. I feel that I want to come right
home but my poor darling is just arising
and needs the ~~rest~~ ^{rest} a change so I'll try
to get to ~~London~~ ^{London} with him - I will see
how he comes at the longest it will be
but six weeks longer but it makes me
struggle to think what the past six weeks

Tabors Calle Blvd.

HÔTEL DU PAVILLON IMPÉRIAL
DIGUE DE MER
BOULOGNE-SUR-MER

brought. If only you all will
keep well - how did I feel more
heavily the distance and great
separation. I have done my
duty by my children in the
European line which releases
me from any further obligations
in that line. When they will
have had a little time with
their father in Europe then that
is all I ask in that line. It is
a bad time of the year however
for any great doings, but I
think enough attention to have
them realize that their father
is to be respected. Madeline
has gone down to the school
now to buy some flowers for me
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rooms in order that they
may look bright upon the
sins of our darling -

While we were waiting the
passenger disembark this
morning looking for our
lord ours, Mr. King, of St. Louis,
was among the number. It
seemed strange to see him
there, the only one in that sea
of faces whom we knew. He is
now doing his duty and Henry
is at Bedford, Bol, Missouri, with
his mother and father. A much
better place in my estimation.
It is so hot here and has been
very where we have waited for
the last three miles. I am
hoping that the hot man will
break soon for it is a hardship
to wait in the hot sun.
The dog is down in the sea
waiting a boat with the chauffeur

Now is really our first day of going outside
me to perfect good service of light the steam
we can do nothing but wait for the steamer
to come so we are doing the large that we
have wanted to do for a long time. What
thought that when I had made it would be
with good news. It seems important!
The day in Rome was interesting in our old
as many of the points of interest and in
very comfortable indeed. Mrs. Ogden, Mrs.
and Eliza whom we met at the little house
were a great deal of them. We met a Mrs. White
who was very delightful. It was lovely we
a sister with her own who was 21. Perhaps
I had having a grand time with friends
great as she had under the circumstances
knowing that she had just lost during
the winter another son 23 - the two brothers

None very near to each other - She had lost
her husband too, a short time before I think
it was - It was sweet to see the sister and
see such companions. I hope to hear that
know the poor come true. It was very nice.

We shall probably start off tomorrow on our
trip through the Chateaux country and if you
will all just keep well, I shall find it
interesting but the rest of my trip, short or long
will have the tinge of the sadness that has
come to us all. Don't any of the rest of you
get sick - Be especially careful! Oh, I wish
Papadon had had his trip and that we could
go home - We are all homesick but are
wasting to see what there is to be seen before
going home. Just keep well and all will
be well. I am so afraid that you will give
and make yourself sick, more than dear. Re-
member to keep well for the rest of us. You

10.
exactly how things are. It seems
terrible to have been here when
all you so much need know a
thing about it all this time. You
talk of going to Charente but
I thought it got too hot for you
in Orange. You poor dear!
What shall I do? I feel as though
I should come to you all and
on the other hand being so very
little family here and Thomas
seems far from well - He has
such a cold. I am trying to
doctor him. Please write and
let me know how you all really
are. Don't keep any thing from
me. Cash me if there is any
thing wrong in the least. Don't
keep me in the dark. It makes
me so anxious for fear that you
are keeping some thing all this
time - I feel as though I must
fly home - Please take good care

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HÔTEL DU PAVILLON IMPÉRIAL
DIGUE DE MER
BOULOGNE-SUR-MER

have no strength in this but must
remember dear mother as must
later things most guilty. Rest
thoroughly every day and desire
to keep cool not for looks. How I
wish I had you right here this
very moment. I long for you one
and all. Darling Grace must have
her hands and heart full so
you probably have the family with
you - I do hope that Mary Anne
is well enough to help but I
know that she must not do much.
I wish this night had been
sooner. Sometimes a terrible
shock will help nervous troubles.
Poor darling she will feel it so
keenly. I am so anxious about
you all. Please write me just
soon. 2192

not to get sick. I don't even know whether
Edith is married or not. Her letters have
come for such a long time.

Well darling I must write to Louisa and
the three poor little dears. How they are
suffering I know. I am anxious about
you all and to think I cannot get an
answ^r to them for a month seems
too much. It is too far away to really
thoroughly enjoy one's self. Letters are so
few I hardly feel that I know at all the
condition of things.

It is hot, hot so I suppose that we
shall have a hard ride today. It is the
hottest it has been since 18 Co. Mason
writes. We have not met Mason yet but
will soon.

With love, love, love to you and all -

Louisa Maria.

Aug 16-1911.

HOLES ON BOTTOM BOARD

Glenn Deane

Boards for Sale

Dearing hoping all are well and strong and,
having good times & will thank I spanning
Dear little of header for his very my better wish
of lovely letter it means of grate that please
and best wishes of

Urbana Ill August 20 1884
no thank you for it
Dear Mrs Mary Dear Minnie Edson and the
young folks Dear three Madeline Charles and Theodora

I do wish we new just how all of you are
just now but I yes we all will try and
feel contented and believe all are well
and having good times and Dear Pat
and her ^{young} husband are with you and all
are enjoying the best of it since together
O how pleasant and good to meet if
we cannot see each other and talk to
gather we soon begin to grow cold and
and careless of each other we must go
up to the markets or visit often and
do not forget the true warm feeling
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we once had what a grand thing dear Tomies and Schitzing we are
it is we can write to each other and in hopes they will come and spend
help in so many kind and cheerful few days with us at Cash, Pearl
and Loring roads we can heal help heal not sure as yet but I do think Tomies
so much broken and sad theater I am anght to rest and I think she will
glad we can hear dear Tomies now in enjoy the coming winter better if she
this our Grate loss we all feel and come home and goes over and see
revise her feelings for we feel the same our dear Robin is safe will die
but I not quite so much dear Nina dear Father sisters and Brothers
I donot believe there is any one like you are all to gotten what a happy
dear Loring husband one that loves thought to always have with you
and shares all the ladders and troubles with them and it is a grate loss to us
of this life and he will work night and but it is there gain
day to help keep every thing moving in they dear ones we have meet with
the right way to have to give up such another loss of an other kind but
dear me if like taking your life we as a Family and Methodist feel it
to nothing ever comes right again very much Our dear old Church

has his share of for me and my but will
and thinks her Long Game like

Runned down yesterday it made a
Grand fire but had for me to look
at we will send the clipping but no
doubt but long before this gets to you
you will know all about it every thing
flys these days per even our bear
ones fly you might say for before we
now or thought of any one being in air
na bear Robert had left not part of
day or two before he left he was at
party and I had told us they were at
having grand times at the Cottage little
did we here or think such a word
would come to us that many we receiv
ed the sad news this life left this very
quick.

HOTEL QUELLENHOF

-- RAGAZ --

J. Kleinberger, Director.

My darling Martin.

I cannot begin to tell
you of the wonder of this trip.
As I have said before it is as though
I were in a dream. I cannot
believe that it is ourselves which
are along our mountain and
valley, seeing all these countries
which we have so long, long,
studied, read and heard of.
It is wonderful!

We expected to have Marion and
Helen write us for some time
now but just as they were
about to start they received
a telegram from Marion's mother
that his father had suddenly
died so he had to go to her.
Marion's face was ~~troubling~~
her so she did not go just could
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she come to us. Now we are
expecting Marion today but then
has to go to his mother again -
Our car is comfortably full
now as it is not very wide
and we are six but the door
driver will have to sit in
the middle of the back seat.
It is going to be a little more
troublesome but I am hoping
that it is not to mar our
beautiful time. I am really
dreading the change but still
hoping for good to come of it.
I hope nothing will seem to
hurt my darling husband. He
needs all sunshine about him -
there is one thing that may
happen. Marion's face being
so she may object to a closed
open car and we may be able

to take a seat in a closed car that is following us - I will tell you about it - You know Roswell had some reports following him every where and letting all they knew about him out more too. Well, Mr. Rediger of the World thought that Thomas must have the same so he has sent a Mr. Valentine on our trail - One day we saw an Auto. Keep just about the same distance from us all the time, if we stopped that would disappear and reappear again where we started. We had more fun trying to dodge that car not knowing then what it meant - In the evening we stopped at some small place as it became dark

to go on to Ark. so Ben and this car was driven by Charles or Gordon in the same garage - When we started in the morning, it did the same - We made a run which lost him but they might be had found us again and the Auto. was in the same garage - Gordon reported a man with a cut beard, ^{distinct} and various other ideas were expressed but after three or four days we found that it was this reporter, Valentine. He had wanted Thomas to tell him where he was to go (but Thomas avoided him) so, that he might know every day our moves he took a business and car

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-- RAGAZ --

J. Kleinberger, Director.

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having a chance. He says he has had to go without his needs and his chauffeur is as keen as himself about keeping us in sight. In the morning he will come in to Mr. Valentini when he sees Clark busy getting our car ready to go out and says they are going; they are going; and they both collect their things in haste and are ready to start. Mr. Valentini begs us to let him know our route, etc. But we all say that we do not know ourselves which we do not as sometimes we change our night. Thomas has given him our general plan but that

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does not satisfy him. He wants to be right on hand in case we go over some cliff or something. We got in to a tight place one day and had to be pulled out by ropes & a horse. Evidently the papers reported an accident as Thomas received telegrams of inquiry. I told Mr. Valentini day before yesterday that he would have to be sure to keep the car in sight every moment or he would miss out on some sensational news. He begged to have Charles visit him yesterday but Thomas would not consent as he thought some time delay or something would happen to keep us waiting and he wants nothing to interfere

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with our doing just exactly as
the spirit moves. Marion may
prefer it on account of her
face and it will make things
a little more comfortable. Oscar
was to bring a car of his own
but when he could not come
immediately we thought Marion
could come alone and we
would squeeze in a little
more - Riding all day in a
crowded way may make us all
very tired but it may work out
all right - If the mental atti-
tude is right everything else
will more I think.

All my babies are still sleeping
while I am writing but I woke
early and thought of my little
nunter and her dealings at

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home - All of you are al-
most constantly in my mind -
I never see a beautiful thing
but that I long to have you all
see the same - We are just on
the border line between Switzer-
land & Austria. Tomorrow we
shall enter the Austrian Tyrol
which friends have told us is
most beautiful. We are ex-
pecting a wonderful treat but
I cannot see how it will sur-
pass that which we have seen
in grandeur.

On an all well this morning &
it is a beautiful day - As we are
going up the Jungfrau the other
day we saw an Arolaucke of snow.
It was a beautiful sight & unusual.
I see in the dusk just where I am
doubt as many of the pretty things
at home - I can read the Jescus

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-- RAGAZ --

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ation in it all - I keep
picturing her travels of the
many years ago - How many
times I wish that we might
compare notes when we get
back - It just seems as though
all those dear ones must be there.

Yes, dear Louise, must be
rightfully lonely - I think
that they are an unusually loving
family - they will all miss that
dear, old philosopher, for such
was Robert - I cannot realize
that he has gone, every thing
seemed so bright and purposeful
when he was last at the house -
I cannot bring myself to believe
that that happy wife is broken.
Letters from home seem so
scarce but I was greatly pleased
in the last mail to hear our

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from you as I was beginning
to feel afraid that you were
ill. Several times I wanted
to cable but Thomas assured
me that Grace or Louis would
cable if any thing was wrong so
I again waited for the next
mail which brought your
letter. I had nothing from
such a long time. In ex-
pect mail here again but it
has not come from Paris as
yet. It was today.

Love and kisses to you,
one and all -

Lovingly Minnie.

September 1st 1911.



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Josef Stauder
Papier

My darling Martin.

This is a station man
now committed upon but the
reporter who is following us in an
Automobile became suddenly ill
yesterday and we had to turn
Munich, etc. He is better again
today fortunately but we have
lost two days through the trans-
action. We call it pretty hard
luck when it is something you
have tried to avoid ever since
we started on the trip. You -
Inventorly Thomas committed to

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Charles riding in the car since
 being yesterday after refusing
 all this time. It may have
 been a fortunate thing however
 and I imagine had he been a-
 lone he would have died as
 he was extremely nervous. He
 would have died through sheer
 fright, I think. Poor Thomas
 tried his best to escape
 all expenses and to think this
 man has persistently followed us
 and we have had this experience
 is really amazing. He has
 all come to pity him now as
 it is such a pity him now as
 it seems to get any thing with
 him to send back and he
 goes at it in a gentlemanly way.
 I say - His illness has made
 us all feel mad to help him as

much as possible as he has
 made out a hard life and
 we have cut the heart to refuse
 him any thing more.

We are just about to start
 on again. He is better and
 will probably be all right now.
 He took an over dose of strychnine
 in order to keep him-
 self going as he is not strong
 out the over dose, but strychnine

This is Sunday but we can
 would not know it as we are
 situated.

They are mad to start so
 good-bye. We are away now
 here in Ruston now and it
 seems like a dream.

Love to all - Mima.

Sept. 3 - 1911.

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My darling Mootie.

We are all eagerly counting
the hours when we shall board
the great steamer Amerika for
home. Our trip has been a
wonder on the whole but our
misfortune in causing the
death of a little boy has made
us quite unhappy about nothing.
It was not the chauffeur's fault
as the little fellow ran directly in
front of our car and accidently
fell. He had club feet it seems
and was an illegitimate child
the mother not being greatly
grieved as he was a quiet case.

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Bob little fellow probably had a
hard time and had always had
a hard time which makes it
a pity that he could go but
the honor of our being the cause
is most nerve exhausting. Bob
little Madeline has been greatly
interesting but seems better this
morning. It is such a pity this
had to happen just at the end
of our wonderful summer. We
are praying that nothing else will
take place and that we shall leave
safely in New York the first
week of October. We are all
happily - I am glad that
Charles escaped this last.
We start in a half an hour
for Dresden, then Berlin on
our way to Hamburg. We are

at these various cities are about
 one day long so you can imagine
 how much more are seeing of
 each city however we get a little
 idea of each.

Madelaine cannot be persuaded
 to remain in Italy but says
 that maybe in the winter she
 will return again with Aunt
 Grace - that will be fine in
 I shall see - she is too homesick
 to insist upon her remainings
 I am afraid it would do her
 no good and might possibly get
 sick - It is better that we all
 keep together.

Bill, dear, I am writing
 in haste with people in and
 out so thoughts are scattered.
 Love
 Fred Manning Longly Mine

Sept 20 - 1911.

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John P. Sloan Journal

Dresden, Sept. 22-1911.

My darling Marion and Grace.

This seems to be a summer
of awful tragedies which
should have been one of great re-
joicing. To think our Edward is
again one of us and we are
happy in knowing and being with
Pear and Marion is indeed a
great joy. Your prayer, mother
darling, being answered as the
"Smiths" of unity is realized.
Both Pear and Marion are very
happy and the only regret I have is
that we did not see them in their
own home. Thomas was so anxious
to move on to the Typol country
thinking of course that all that
was necessary was to see Marion as
she was to take with us - they had

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all manner of things prepared
for our pleasure and it would
have been a fine thing for
Madeline - alas she is just
as much in favor of John as
we - I suppose I am made out
to insist upon her remaining
longer, Marion would love to
have her, but she is so home-
sick, actually has lost her to
fifteen pounds that I cannot
bring myself to insist upon
her accepting the invitation. If
anything should happen to
her what misery for all - even
the day we had the misfortune
of remaining over the little boy she
has been most sadly upset. It
was a terrible thing but not at
all our fault. In our going very
slowly through the town but
their own two or three children
playing in the middle of the street.
Clark Blue has been, they started
to run to one side the little boy
lost and he thinking that he
could do better by turning and
going to the other side - did so but
fell, the other side of it - Clark would

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not pull up in time to avoid him
so the awful thing happened - The little
yellow hall club quit. He was arrested
of course and taken ^{to} the police station.

to a hotel that seemed more like a
prison than any thing else al-
though everybody was equal kind
to us knowing that we were not to
blame - All sympathized with
us but had to hold us for proof -
Clark was taken to the police
station for the night and the
next morning the officers started
upon all the witnesses - they
thought that we could get on
to Wumberg by ten o'clock, which
was but a half hour's ride, the
point of our destination but the
came and they still were examin-
ing witnesses promising relief
by one, three, five or four, really
getting off at five thirty A day of
torment and harassing thoughts -
Poor little Madeline being able
to understand a little more questions
than the rest of us, as Oscar +
Marion did not seem for three
hours and a half after the accident.

story riding ⁱⁿ the other car, had
to do all the talking with the police
etc. It was a ^{rough} steam response
with I think

and it made me sick to be so
helpless - In did all we could for
the little yellow I begging someone
one in the crowd to get a doctor but
bring no one but peasants they
stood like blocks not understand-
ing one thing I tried to ask them
why it was awful! Madeline in
the meantime got to the relay on
short distance ahead bringing both
the police + doctor. No later, the little
yellow must have died peacefully.
Trying to then knowing that something
could understand German she had
to go as witness from one car - they
let us off showing really great mercy
as ordinarily each one would have
had to testify. You cannot imagine
the great feeling of relief when they said
that Clark could go on with us and
we were clear off fault. Our trip has
been but one thought piece - the
Steamer and home - going to all
this I cannot bear to worry Madeline
now - she says that maybe she will
come back in the winter. Perhaps
there is some hidden purpose in it
all that we cannot see - Shall we an-
gry through all this you do know
you have that ^{best} best reading

HOTEL BELLEVUE DRESDEN

R. Runnefeld, Vorstand u. Leiter.



Kont. u. Entree u. Limesse von der Ecke aus gesehen.



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Dresden

Efficiency as it must have used you all up to see that blessed work of our Father being burned to the ground. How strange that it must be; in the midst of all these buildings some hundred of years our cannot see why that monument had to be taken. Thomas is calling to me to get things collected as he wants to move on to Berlin today. None of us want to go but Beigunann & his wife came on yesterday & Thomas is anxious to get into the whirl of excitement as Berlin promises to be. In an effort to Dresden. It is peaceful and beautiful.

Sheldon has used all this paper
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and it is too early to ask for more - forgive this sheet it is all I have.

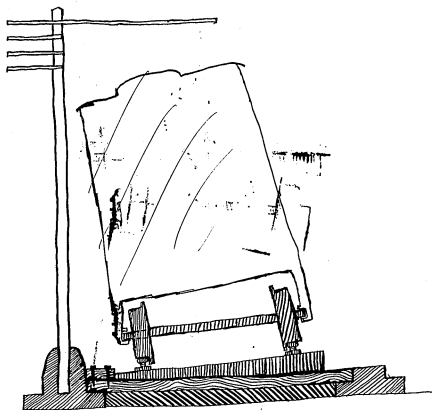
Must dress + pack.

Keep well, we sail Thursday Sept. 28, by the America. I all hope that nothing will happen to prevent our taking the pleasure. In an all holding our breath.

Love + kisses and thanks for letters - Lovingly yours

PS! Please forward this to Mother, John dear, I was intending to write to you but Thomas wants me to pack + move on to Berlin. It has not helped Madeline out in taking a winter trip - Oscar + Marion. I do say that she should have had more, mine and mine.

Love + kisses - Nina
 Thank you for your letters



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of good help them study for a while, but not
more vacation they can spend here with
me and the boys this is my first time in
the city for a while

all is the same. I have the Co. 29 181
for my and though here for some time of it
I wish you only can think of being in the
world to see me in your mind. I want to tell you
write to

we do miss you your words are so that we
hardly know you are here and off you go
but I can tell you can think of the
I am glad we did have a long time
with you as we did find in you your kind
and loving words and smiles they did make
me feel younger and more like living like
we have kind words and smiles from the
me that is with you makes you feel younger and
better in every way it seems to me I can do
see Jimmy and see it makes smiles
and hear his lovely voice they tell me of

Monday morn'g was all well and had breakfast but your eye is nearly ready. I have Mrs. Ann Macdonald
for me till she I hope she will come and make us do with the was of call but had thank you for the gift she has
wrote it up in it - it is necessary can we have some of them for the
we will come in the land, need not have as good a lot of them in the
with the Ladies and a few many things and I see it was not long
of different names out a useful and even enjoy them. It had to be
in it for me to receive it was a fine favour that means much to me
will have it on account of the pleasure of I mean with it, woman
being with so many of my dear ones and to help them as we can
of their respect and love in your eye. This woman can say she
change our dear ones on that time not that they will not be
one out for the many very many times I have to go with
had similar showers of self-abandonment. This one being in
I trust these times will give you a less in heart and
one well and enjoying the time as it darts so well but in
faded my I am so glad your reception. I hope I shall see
was a grand dress I was almost would Tracy want
be and I did feel sorry if the Ladies should
be dispensed in not meeting, how it would Tracy is taking
I had not in his

reckless, many of you very kind. P. 4
I am instructed to write for the District to
say we have what you need a very good
wash, which is what you want
I have not been to see your
is very much better than any other
I think I will come to see you
now you said it better than I can write
I am sure I am sure for my last it was
better in a way for you to see
and when I see you in person
strong and it is in the best in the
way, my own my own in the
it is for me and I am sure what I
will I must get it now as get the
P. 3. I am sure for you and I am
Madison come to see us I hope he will be
on us and come to see us too. I hope he will come
some time see Charles and Louisa there

GLENMONT
LLEWELLYN PARK

My darling Weston.

Just a line before I
retire but I feel that it
must be short as I want to
get in a little needed sleep,
things having been moving
for the past few days and
some way it makes me
very tired. I cannot but
realize that time is passing
and it makes me a little
depressed. I suppose I am
foolish and too young to be
lettering such nonsense but I
cannot take on years gracefully.
Your letters have been delightful

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Written down and I did have such
a sweet visit but altogether too
short. I am coming out some
time and stay a week. Do you
think that you can stand
me for a week?

Yesterday the Home's Exchange
met up here for their annual
meeting. There were about 150
women, more than have been
before when they met at the
Club and all said that they
never had a better meeting. Every
body seemed to take an in-
terest in the Exchange
and seemed to enjoy being
in a home. There is so little
of that sort. Home's simply
seem to be a place to sleep
these days and I for one
think it a pity -

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Packing you are such a blessing. It makes
me feel like going when I don't feel
that common - just you. You get
Bessie down next to church visit you
and I hope that she will keep up the
good work. It was hard work to leave you
all as the time did seem so short.
Tomorrow Olga wants me to go out -
have to see the plot on the Hudson
river and then later in the dinner
in the evening at the Gailberg - I would
rather be obliged than go to the Gailberg
dinner. She is getting gay and I am
getting old - It would not go when I was
young and had a little bit of work
but now that I am a woman and specimen
he wants to go - He is at the Laboratory now

and John, Madeline⁴, Main Cogges,
and John Sloan have gone on to see
the illumination of the fleet. They wanted
me to go but I feel that I cannot keep
up the pace. I suppose Mary is
sailing today you forgot to enclose her
letter. Give darling a goodnight kiss
and a God bless you all -

Loveingly Mavis.

Ms. 1-1911.

GLENMONT
LEWELLYN PARK

My darling Mother, Grace and Geo.
Madeline, Maria Coggins and the
"two Johns" got the supper tonight and
now they are washing the dishes while
Howard is changing cylinders for
Thomas here in the Den. He is
testing out those that he wishes to
take for his new Disc machine.
I am listening while writing to you
bless'd ones. How I do love you all
and miss you! I wish that you
were near, so that we might see
one another every day. I feel so
robbed of you all - Mary has called
that she will remain with Louise.
Poor dear, I am afraid that she
will become very homesick. I
shall have to write to them often -
Thomas and I will, up to Mrs.
Mowdley's in Madison today for
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London. She said informal
lessons and we thought it would
be just ourselves when her and her
held this over 12 or 14 and give
wishes to attend to our wants.
Is it not strange how accustomed
we become to having things on
a grand scale and it strikes such
a thing informal - Mrs. Inman
seems very simple and sensible.
With all her wealth she has had
such terrible sorrows too. Mr. Inman
died about two years ago, one son
of typhoid, another drowned and
a daughter of some thing I know
not and just six months ago a
son-in-law. It seems no one
can have all things their way -
We had a very pleasant time and
met Mr. and Mrs. ~~Adolphus~~ Charles
Chaplin, the great merchant. He
was Lord & Taylor, McCuey,
S'wiler and Huber's here in New York.
I don't know how many more.
Both were very pleasant indeed.
Thomas and I both agreed that our

own simple home was better than all that
London. If we can only keep these rooms up
to something from we have all our money
now that we need - The family house is
my largest indeed, of course.
I must tell you, Mother dear, a smart thing
Madame said in the house - just as we were
leaving London and she asked you how
was my great improvement in seeing you and
I - "Oh my Mother, my thought Sir. All so fine
too - You know Mother, what we London things
is all right." She needs being in our house
She pleases explaining beautiful expenses for
our and a looking night and all put it down
with you - Mrs. Eschard and Mrs. Blodgett were
in for a little but last evening and they spoke
as always does of your children and having the
school Appleton's girls. She has some very pleasant
with you at all things in Moscow. She speaks
of it so often.

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I must get to bed now as I have to
make an early start to N. Y. in the
morning - I dread it.

Lovingly mine,

Nov. 5 - 1911.

My darling Mother, Grace & Lew.

Your darling I am glad that Edward came up to see you. It seems terrible to have any kind of misunderstandings and unity is the only way to have happiness - It is given and taken in this life and the sooner we learn that lesson the better for us all. Full the past week has passed off with some success but not altogether. Governor Wilson said an hour late which ruined the reception idea at the club. I suppose that I shall be blamed for it but I am going to try to have it understood at the next club meeting. He was very pleasant the better we saw of him, but his speech was an hour long - I am all over ready for him to stop. Rabbi Wise was most interesting but gave us no help as to securing our City - This week is full 29/3/30 but

Not with the responsibility of last
 week - this is more of pleasure
 things. I saw Mrs. Beuch's car
 I told you - she gets no better but
 seemingly no worse except to grow
 weaker - she does not seem to
 suffer but is quite helpless - Her
 mind wanders most of the time.
 It seems to be like a clot on the
 brain - she talks of every thing
 that has been in her past. It is
 very sad to see her in such a
 helpless condition - I wrote you
 message to her, mother dear.
 Next Wednesday week I may go
 up to see Charles for a couple of
 days. My thanksgiving seems
 right upon us - What about your
 coming on now? You seem in
 all world love to have you - Grace
 could bring you on and have a
 little change too. Come before the
 snow and it gets so cold.

Well dealing goodnight - Thomas
 has been having me since 7th October
 all evening and now it is 11.30 -
 15-5132

I must write Charles a line.
May too but I fear it will be
too late for that.
Love & kisses to all.
Sincerely mine,

Nov. 12-1911-

Dear *Merton*

I am writing you just a line to try to make up a little for the fine long letter I received from you the other day. We (I mean *Mrs. Benson, Janney* and I) have been having one of the of those. Last night we went to the *theater as you remember* and *delia*. The weather has been *fine* lately. *Bob* is in bed also these *Thursdays* now, so I *must* too.

This is *theodore's* journal for *our* *letter*. He is trying to help out our daily *letter* of *Mrs. Benson* in *his* letter. It is very sad to see *him* - *his* *condition* is *poor*.

Please write soon again.

I think I will close now because

it is *bed* time and I
am a *quid* day
ahead

Yours, *Ernie* *Winn*.

Nov. 17-1911.

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Glennmont.

My darling Mother. Thomas is at the
laboratory with a committee of men
on music. It is 12 o'clock now and
no telling when he will be home &
Madeline and I am going to bed.
Poor, dear, little Madeline is so
unsettled and I feel so anxious but
I should be the cause of more un-
happiness by opposing her than if she
married Glennmont. I am so anx-
ious in every way. Little darling

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daughter - To give her up to some
man made great or not undisturb
her could be agreeable unless you have and
will accompany. It is a letter indeed.
You may go to Boston Wednesday or
Thursday to see Charles but will not
know probably until tomorrow when
Charles telegraphs - Have had no word
from Emma as to when they are
coming. Are you & Gra coming from
Wilmington, Grace & Lew J. Christ.
Miss? Can you thank take the papers
going to? I suppose her own family be away
from business as long. At you have please -
I am 22-11/16. Yours truly, William

I will come now and visit soon again in
your and then by your kind wishes to me and
all I am your loving mother

Dear Mother
I am not writing to
you from Ohio for I am not
at home here

I hear from the little welcome cards
we receive you are working to hard and
you will have to stop if you cannot want
to now these cards are not "any thing"
you ought to take care and not let
them come near you now I have had
a touch of one and I can tell you it
does not make one feel any its good now
I would advise you and all of you to
be careful keep away from colds
I was glad to hear that Lewis read
your letter to me but I can tell you you
ought to be careful and not let your eye

now let the young folks do what you do for her been ~~since~~ ⁱⁿ winter in it seems
 the Eider when you don't feel well and when with me will be much ~~remember~~ ^{remember} that and as
 you are well you can do it and let them rest ~~days~~ ^{days} since ~~you~~ ^{you} is not well and as I
 want you think that good that way we all get our feet now I will ~~send~~ ^{send} you to
 to see something and don't get to tired ~~send~~ ^{send} me this time ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~send~~ ^{send}
 I no like take few lines will find you ~~down~~ ^{down} with you and your ~~then~~ ^{then} ~~enough~~ ^{enough} now
 and all well well it because so strange ~~well~~ ^{well} that ~~winter~~ ^{winter} long before this and I
 to think we are having winter in ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~can~~ ^{can} ~~can~~ ^{can} I never see ~~you~~ ^{you} were so you
 other longer not ~~remember~~ ^{remember} as is in run and Eider's winter has come & ~~with~~ ^{with}
 come it ~~difficult~~ ^{difficult} for the winter she has been ~~them~~ ^{them} we expected ~~it~~ ^{it} ~~except~~ ^{except} any way ~~that~~ ^{that}
 can ~~settle~~ ^{settle} in her cottage and ~~see~~ ^{see} ~~she~~ ^{she} I know your wife have it good and ~~thou~~ ^{thou}
 just now we ~~know~~ ^{know} now they have ~~two~~ ^{two} ~~year~~ ^{year} ~~since~~ ^{since} where is the ~~with~~ ^{with}
 a little ~~Pable~~ ^{Pable} I think there will be ~~at~~ ^{at} ~~least~~ ^{least} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~children~~ ^{children} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~land~~ ^{land} ~~chief~~ ^{chief} I fear I
 sometimes ~~mother~~ ^{mother} when left alone it is ~~will~~ ^{will} have to ~~work~~ ^{work} ~~pretty~~ ^{pretty} ~~steady~~ ^{steady} to get
 hard to ~~find~~ ^{find} what is ~~your~~ ^{your} ~~ground~~ ^{ground} ~~like~~ ^{like} ~~has~~ ^{has} ~~been~~ ^{been} ~~ready~~ ^{ready} in ~~time~~ ^{time} Oh now we will
 to go ~~through~~ ^{through} ~~with~~ ^{with} it first but if we can ~~miss~~ ^{miss} ~~learn~~ ^{learn} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~land~~ ^{land} ~~she~~ ^{she} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~much~~ ^{much} ~~along~~ ^{along}
 keep well and ~~strong~~ ^{strong} we can ~~base~~ ^{base} all ~~Woman~~ ^{Woman} I hope you can talk with her etc.

These lines will tell you about our
 dear old school it really was some
 had to think we never will go there again
 but it may be all right the church members
 know the safe way this would work
 Well looking I will close hoping you
 will please excuse my writing and saying
 you better in every way I am just over
 a little touch of the Grip but am nearly
 all right now we are all well and do hope
 all are well with you love and kisses
 to you and each one of your dear ones
 I hear Miss Perry from and tell her I
 love her I do hope he has those rollers
 ready and all enjoy them ^{with me}

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LEWIS A. MILLER, MGR.

AKRON, OHIO.

Nov. 28, 1911.

My Dear Sister Minnie.

It is too bad that Mother can't come out to see for Thanksgiving, but she has a very bad cold, but is better just now. I think you had better come on and see her after Thursday.

She will not be able to go any when this winter. She is much weaker now than at any other times when she does not feel well. You must remember she is eighty-one, and we can't expect much for her to do. We have not heard any thing from Mary or Louise yet. Alton is just about as when you were here. The Diamond wedding was a grand affair, and every thing about off in fine shape.

Corra is better was well yesterday. I thank you very much for your invitation for Thanksgiving, but I will stay at home with Mother. I will stay by her as long as she lives, then I don't know what will become of me. With you a pleasant Thanksgiving. Love to all. Lewis 11-6026.

239 Summit Ave

St Paul Minn

December 18

My dear Mica

Thank you for sending me so promptly the report from your dear mother. I like to feel that I am counted in with the family, as indeed I always count myself, and especially with the members of your fathers family which has always been very dear to me. I realize the very serious nature of such an accident at your mothers age, but I have known among personal friends at Stanton two such cases both of which recovered, and I hope she may do so at least in a measure.

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She cannot be so crippled that her brass
sweet loving presence would not be a
blessing in any household. I have thought
much of her since Robert's death. He always
seemed to have a peculiar tenderness for Linn
and his sudden and unexpected death must
have been a terrible shock to her.

My dear you ask a question not easily
answered when you say "What do you think
of life?" Is it not strange? Strange enough
it surely is, and often from our limited
view, wholly inexplicable, but we have to
remember how limited our view is. In
one of George MacDonald's stories, a man
says "Why did God make me since I
must suffer so?" and the friend replies
"My friend, God has not made you, he is making
you."

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We have to remember that creative pro-
cesses are still going on, in the individ-
ual and in the world. But I can tell
you what I try to think, and some-
times do think if you will get a copy
of the Outlook for December 9, and read
an article by Dr. Dymon Abbott on Saving
Faith, with the title "Letters to Unknown
Friends" para 849. It is the clearest, simplest
and illuminating statement I have ever
seen on the faith that really saves in
this perplexing world.

I have no doubt you will be a
help and comfort to poor Linn - My
love to her, and tell her I will try to write
her soon. With dearest love to you
Yours always Aunt Emily



Dear Miss Thomas Jan 9, 1912

They are a little late but
nevertheless the best thanks and lots of
them are due you for the
very fine Christmas Remembrances
and Gra & Elizabeth join me in
again thanking you for the
ever kind things you have done
for us. The packages came
through in good order and
the Dunks & casts we have
enjoyed with several meals
already. Sorry you two could
not stop over on your way
from Chicago and taken Mid
or two with us. Gra is still
a good look and with the two
Bunbels to help out we could



have kept you well alive, I
 am certain
 Was over to see Mother yesterday
 and found he happy with his knitting
 and enjoying his three good meals
 a day. She surely is a moral and
 while our cannot understand why
 she must have this affliction it
 is comforting to see how bravely
 she stands it. Will she be able
 to equal her in our old age?
 Oona has up and down, was quite
 well last Saturday but must to
 dinner party at Howland's in the
 evening. Got bad rheumatism spell
 and has been in bed since. She was
 much better this morning and hope she
 will get up through the day.
 I am in Cleveland today to try &



Collect an account for the Edison
 Batteries from Chisholm & Phillips &
 find and supposed to be one of the
 best equipped garages in Cleveland
 financially and otherwise but they
 have been losing money all
 year and now want their creditors
 to help them. The Auto Garage
 business is in a bad way and
 I am glad I did not get to
 much money tied up in them.
 The report is that there is not a
 sound paying garage out of the
 large number in the city -
 With much love from all
 and hoping to see some of
 you here again soon.
 Yours Affectionately,
 Edm.

GLESMONT
LORRELL'S PARK

My darling Mother,

It is after twelve but Thomas has been leaving us since and now I have not time to write any letter but just to say that Mr. Vidler was here last night - He talked of himself as there was no decision made as others came in and we had no more time to talk. He was making confessions all the time, explaining matters, etc. He seems all right and

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and Thomas strikes it all
right for Mary to leave him.
It now rests with her I think
but my advice would be to go
slowly. Be sure that she
cares enough for him. If she
keeps happy I think it would
be the wisest thing for them
to meet in a friendly way
but she must not marry.

I miss you too Martin
darling - Thomas read your
letter and he remarked -
"She's smart." How is that
for a puff. Don't let it
turn your head, sweetie dear.
I ~~would~~ ^{would} have to buy you
a new bonnet, I fear.

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Maudie had a nice good and be
lender "Little Martin" a dear.

You are all coming to see you
again.

Goodnight. God bless you and all.

Sincerely yours

Jan. 17-1912

Shen Chi's Long 16, 1912.

My dear China and the Edison's

I am I do miss Ben Maria and little
Theodore it seemed like an age since they were
here but you dear the Edison's think it at what
time they have been with you and you live in
fear they or some of the family will be leaving
and make the house look and seem lonely. I am
away for you when Ben Maria affects to love
home for I know you as well as I can tell
you I am enjoying Ben coming out here and
in fact I love to have all of you come often
but business will keep me home but when you
have nothing of very great importance to do
I do hope you will come and see us. I love to do
15-7990

you I never will forget last June at your this trouble come to me I have to wonder why
 lonely home with dear old Rachel I do think but I am glad it was neither coal pit headache
 she was it lonely than and she is all from her labour it just seems it had to be
 she could to make the home cheery but I am glad it is we want and I am improving as
 now she gone we have now to wonder how fast as one can do try day I do thank every
 she is can for you call I hope you can come soon again
 I do miss you dear ma and wife I could and stay longer I expect little Thomas was glad
 see you and dear Thomas but I hope one can to get some over at school again, I hope dear
 not in two places at once and as I have Madeline and Charles are well and enjoying life
 there are dear ones want you there I am I please remember me to dear lady I will write
 going to be as conducted us I can and we thus soon to him also dear Thomas I can hope both
 will do all we can to make our homes happy will see other dear measure well for our kids
 I am out in the sitting room in the chair to each one, I will close now and try to do best
 trying to write these lines that are all well as in next time I will close for this time
 I might be out playing snow ball but I wish is you searching I will close for this time
 have to get it yet fine weather to day for thanks for this time
 your affectionate
 your truly affectionate
 your truly affectionate

far all that may be worth them from time
to time. I was over over of little while no day
Lore is getting better and is up less talk she
will be well soon. How do miss Mrs Bond
I think you must miss her also I hear so little
of her. I'm here these days I hope she is well. I had
this afternoon and in fact all the evening

Dear Mr. Leiper
Newark, N.J. Feb 1 1872

Dear Mr. Leiper
I hope you are all well. I am glad I can tell you we are
all well but I will tell you how we are
dressed for the day I had my bed and
felt as usual. I was in bed all but in
a little while. I am now come around and
get in bed with me so we had our
breakfast to gether in bed while I was
had his arms in the living room as I was
went to Cleveland yesterday and that all
right now I am in the
15-7-72

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But I feel ashamed of my writing and more of
my composing I hope soon my fears will cease but
while I am in a chair of Mrs. Harries
we are both in the sitting room beside
each other but both have reason to be
glad we are as well off as we are
Epistolarity claims went over to call on Mr
and Mrs. Menden as he is quite well going
over she fell and hurt her arm the
litter and as Lucia is not very well she
went down to see and fell again she had
three falls but as good luck had it she did
not get very much but enough to make her
arm ach a little Lewis fell down last
night after listening to President Polk talk
at the Hall he said it was fine, but his
fall does not seem to hurt him at all
It is dreadful getting around it is all ice
just enough of snow to make it very

pleasant I love kisses and best wishes from ³ Mother
I hope you have the same chief and cash sale
dangers for any one to try to walk the street
are very quiet and lonely both day and night
but we hope to have better times soon
we had company last Sunday as Mr. Pills
and Mr. Lewis also Miss Fayoult & so
with it was so we could not cash water
but I expect you would be glad if you
had less company here is such a thing as
to much. Well I am glad you and Mrs
Fodney do enjoy Church and its work
but hear we are how nothing we do anything
Mrs. Menden seems to feel well pleased with
her present plan. O I do hope it is so
right but O how we will miss her but
I do hope she will have a good home and
she will do her part in making a ^{free}
true and happy home for the three.

My dear Mina - ¹⁰⁰⁰ 1000 - O. 3/7/12
I thank you kindly for including me on my birthday in the ^{floral} ~~floral~~ - you are the only one that thinks of me this day that is that I know of - you are had a good time at the dinner but I have thought I can picture your hope in regards to Harb. Weymouth. I think she does not think enough of me - she never did. You ask how how I like John Spauld - well, I will say that I think she is drawing a big press in all my to mistake in him however - What are you doing about the Kutter's proposition, the work installing machinery in the building is being

along with, they still expect to be able to turn
out the same number by the first of April.
I have put \$1000. into it & I wish I had \$5000. more.

This is a beautiful spring day. I am going
to run up to the Falls to see a lumber
man this afternoon - I will begin building
houses soon, if the weather keeps up!

Mum, give my love to all as Cleveland.
also to Margaret when you see her.
I am going to try to be in N.Y. soon then will
ask Margaret to Miss Sawyer's nice single girls
my kindest regards - Lovingly Edward -
11-6058

and being five times I do hope to see taken
in my net I am well but feel trembly
I don't know why. If every thing is off
I don't see what in the banks and out
side I hope it will be so you can help
get Mann's first year. How you have your
hands and ^{heart} full I think

Albion Ohio March 19 1852

My dear Anna and Mr. Sedison

How do you do I am glad to have the
chance to write a few lines to you this
beautiful about morning and in our little
Red room and at the dear little desk
that dear Macedonia left here I have
wanted to write but it did seem to make
me so tired to write on my legs I asked
them to bring out this dear little desk
I am trying it now for the first time since
the trouble that came to me now if I
do not write long letter will be please

spare me some way I feel pretty well
 but trouble do I fear you cannot read
 what I do write I am glad dear Mamma
 and others write to you do you know all
 that is going on yes before and better than
 I do but I do want to write to you and
 others for I do love you and I do feel sorry
 for you it seems I am just in the same
 if you are in I don't want dear Mamma
 more I don't want her to leave home
 it seemed the home is broken up dear
 Mamma will soon be doing the same then
 what will we do I do feel sorry for you
 my dear Mamma for the reason also the only
 daughter left and now she leaves and in
 a way that is not quite pleasing but

but feeling what can we do as yet to help to
 do any thing but make things as pleasant as
 we can for I do think both will have all
 I have to wonder why it is so
 when do you think you will hear with us
 I do hope soon for I do feel lonesome
 and wonder what I shall do I try to be
 contented and wait but sometimes it seems
 I am in hopes I can do
 better in writing and that will shorten
 when we get out
 dear Mamma and dear Mamma I hope he
 is well and contented he is having it of little
 better now dear Mamma and Mamma I am
 on and they can cheer him a good deal
 I am ashamed of my writing I think
 I will stop for a while my dear Mamma

I do hope you are having good restful times
down there. I will close hoping to hear
from you soon and of ten, all join with
me in love to you and Mr. Cassin and all
the dear ones I am your loving mother

Well Summer is over and I have the
rice several times and the house on the
parch Lewis puts me in that rebellion
and justice we are on the parch every
day. that it is present I hardly know
what I would do without Lewis. Miss
Seton and Mr. Lewis and all mine have all
gone for a walk Lewis is going out in
his boots but soon as the house will
be lonely enough it may be he will
come over as he is about Baranid will
love Lewis no doubt but you know that
I do hope you and all will find us well

have been fun for the children! of
the party and the game upon some
have enjoyed it too - we are going
to play cards again - Now good bye
I must get dressed. I take breakfast
here in Arthur's bedroom with her and
then down after breakfast - so she has come
- ~~any~~ - is unwell is it? - her dancing
sister - Mary Ann Ohio March 1912

My dear Miss Anna Maria

Dear I am

at this dear little each writing I could write
a few lines that would be worth your time and
strength to read but I will try and write
A little you may know we are well and having
A beautiful Sabot day it seems very much
like spring we have some flowers on the
table we picked from the lawn you remember
Dear Anna that white star flower near
the parlor window I know you have quite

abundance then but that is doubt and we
 are doubt that makes the difference,
 I do hope all of you are well and have all
 lovely times on your boardway trip, and
 still enjoying every thing around you
 We have just finished our dinner it was
 good and we had Miss Beton and Maryon
 & Dickles and the Louis ship will wed this
 afternoon Lia and Eliseball will take
 supper with ad. Carais with her Louis
 Jet we have Maryon & Dickles with us
 she cant last long from Belogs she
 seems like a pretty nice girl I like
 Miss Beton very much & think she will
 stay a little time with Mamie I have
 to wonder all the time how times will
 go with Mamie when you come we will

have a time talking but all will be for
 good I believe Mamie sent you dear Tracy,
 last letter to you as you she was well and
 having a good time it seemed strange she
 doesnt say more or something about cousin
 Lily but she hardly mentions her,
 I believe I will not write much more this
 time I will tell you what is so here to wit
 I want to write a few lines to dear Cousin
 Darling sister. Thank you for your lovely
 letter - I wish we might talk instead of writing
 but we cant again so far away. When are
 you coming to see us - or are you expecting
 Mother to go to you - she seems well except
 her at home but of course the train times
 her and one cant tell how the adjustment
 would affect her. I think she enjoys a day

and she has my little thing here she
is so happy all the time - looking always
on the bright side. Mr. Lane a child's
wheel chair for her now and she can
just fly about in it - but we keep
close to her for she is so venturesome.
She keeps me busy all the time she is
so active and busy. We want her to
do some thing she says - "Oh I haven't time"
she is certainly a blessing a benediction -
and I hope darling sister you will be
able to get her for a nice long visit.
It will be hard for her now for as you say
there will be too to visit some day - I mean
sister like a nice little girl - she came
late Saturday night so we put some
dinner off till Sunday night. I wish
I had had it tonight April 12th they could
have done all kinds of things. It would

If all the paper is full and I feel a little
tired I will write for this time and
write to dear Annie's next and then next
to her going to how I do miss all
of my dear ones but it must be so
and as long as we know where they
are and how they are we may be well
contented. I hope the weather is
I hope that the weather is
I will write when the paper is full

My dear Annie's love

I have neglected writing to you for
some time thinking Miss Sedons
letters will please me more than mine
as I am at your writer in every way
and it seems to me you have very
little time to read much more than
to learn that we are well

I am glad I can tell you we are all
well and we are staying here at
my dear home as we want to be
Please call on Mrs. Lodge 15-7753

So that all are well and enjoying your
home mine and more Sarah Edison is the
place to be as some what does the kind of that joyful
last of us with it as seems they are not long to come
last mail made us set to wondering
what All of this about fear Tracy must
we never had one moment thought
but she was at home with you dear ones
though her name was not mentioned
in all of your pleasure trip sometimes
it seems strange to me to think she
is not with you now for we have been
expecting her home I am glad she keeps
well and has decided to go on with
her trip for it is doubtful if she will
go that way again she has done so
little at home again I hope I feared
there was not good feelings as ought to be
if they can get through or around
to all these places with out such awful
trouble as of the past week I will rejoice

more than what will all these women do
with out Mrs. Lee that at night, was indeed
to have both Allen and Thomas to believe the
life in the world we must have both
from them I am very for her I do wish
she was clear I fear her being well
enough to take that place I wonder
when she is to take that responsibility
place of very pleasant and delightful
call from Mr. Ellen Mary E. Goodwin
it seemed to me he remember a small
and hell was Edwin and Thacker he
says they were married and
he was also as they were to gather more
he remember all of well but I fear Thacker
was the one who was called. Darling
Have you any more of these letters
that the Ladies Hope send you I wanted
to give one to Mr. Elice and others but
have not any but for my good I thought
Mr. Elice. A very nice looking man he is

(will close hoping you and all are well &
and coming well. Address to you ⁱⁿ the Eastern and
all the best ones I am your loving ones very best
withing ya Mother
A. P. H. can and was on his way to
George and then soon to California
Mary his sister has three fine boys the
twins they very fine and all well.
We are having a beautiful morning warm
and bright but have the Island fire from
our garden it is good soon other good
things I hope on with us could have
hear Johnny sent me a box of fresh
d. ches and do thank him for sending
me as it was very good but we tender
mouth ones though there was a little to
much. prefer in it. I am so glad that
Johnny holds with you in going to
church and trying to keep it up. Please
give dear Johnny and your self my very
best wishes and love in that respect.

EDWARD B. MILLER,
AKRON, O.

My dear Minnie -

Thursday
May 23/12

As you have said before I only write
to you when I want you to do me a favor
Will I must confess I have not much of a
letter writer - I only write when I have something
worth while to write about. You know that if I write
you must ask and you will receive, So I am going
to ask you to loan me twenty five hundred
dollars again - I could borrow it here in town
by giving first mortgage on some of my lots but I don't
want to pay such a big amount in interest the 6 years
and then it is such a hindrance when I come to get
out of the lots - Now I understand of course that
you will have to sell some of your bonds to raise
this amount - but as they only pay you 3 1/2 to 4% and
will pay you 6% you will not lose anything and
you can always buy them again as about the
same price you see them as they do not change
in price much one way or another. I will send you
The Electric Light & Recharging Co. Stock, as security
if you want security. I will take care of you
the same as I did before just as soon as I
can make a turn so that I can send it back
to you in a good block - Will you please do
me this favor before the first of June?
Oh! yes! Do not sell your Wheatman and

EDWARD S. MILLER,
AKRON, O.

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Barnes Stock. I see it has gone up in price from
50¢ to 60¢ within the last few weeks & sitting
at that. You did not write me since your
return from Akron. I hope you are not
too much disgusted with our that you do
not want any thing more to do with me -
I know something an not as they should
W & I am sorry. But give our love & they
will be different some day, I want to do
the right thing for every body concerned -
Now let us hear from you
soon as possible & oblige - With
lots of love I remain -
Your loving brother
Edward

I think we could even would like her she is
smart and honest she is a doer she
can carry on the prime one is called in
many things I do wish she would quit
she says she would have no one thing
that would care for her the dog is all to
her we have looked for her for a while but
not any have come she is still here
while and we do know things will turn out
as we expect of yourself please give your
of course my boy to him Ohio August 14 1856
her city and can bring them and other
Ohio

This is a quiet sunny morning there is only
lean chairs and my self in the dining
room but we have a fire in the grate
that helps to cheer and be company
I have just had a good ball and now
have on the silk shirt you gave me
instead of the white one you know things
get dirty if water very much at this house
Lewis is getting things ready to start on
his trip and has just gone up stairs
151-7756

Dear Sara took dinner with Lewis weeks ago most ways I think you have enough of your
breader and the dinner was quite good we live now so that over and keep ready - words talk
in hopes of a good thing but past of cutting care of you self toward hises for better -
how we will miss him it seems long sep from the floor you may think it
three weeks but it is wonderful how nonsense but I can tell you of the
fast things faded soon fast some times trust it is better to comes in time
I dread the cold but it is pleasant if than to wait till trouble comes on you
you have good company and is warm now as keep in bed in time and until
bring fire to sit by and chat over you are about well you must be careful
good things it seems there is something at the last part of the time to the founder
for every season of the year to pleas action is being laid for nest time and
and how darling I want to say out the foundation must be good or there is
thing to you before it is to late if not danger what was it you read some
to late all ready now pleas us take time to go about the foundation the
care of yourself those legs of yours Lewis laid I expect that bridge is
must be taken care off or they will make good yet there is a great deal in
your trouble just think what dare things the begining I hope these few scribbled
the waves are if out of order it will pay lines will find you my dear Sara
you if you give up it does on three days feeling better and soon well all to gather
before time just keep quiet and you feet from such trouble but darling you must

I am going to write to dear lovely mother
at early four you dear mother.
I thank you and dear lady for things by your
help and gift may you be the one to bring
it all O how I love it. I am so glad to have
such a lovely daughter to be with
you I know she will take care of her
dear mother I have seen many
kind loving acts she has done for
her dear mother now while she will
round dear mother you may be
very proud of her and the many kind
deeds she is doing and thinking about
in so many ways let us rejoice and
be glad for all the good we have let
us be careful and watch for good.
Grace and Mr Lewis went to Lehigh on
Saturday morning so there is only Lavin and
my self in the sitting room Mrs Lewis
is here soon alas we had a broken
to improve if it was not for that day.

Sep. 15/72

Dear Nina.

Some how I can't
tell what, but it seems to me
Mother is having a hard
time to thorough off a
cold she had last week.
She is very weak and hasn't
any more talk. I think
it ~~is~~ would be nice for me
if you to come each Sunday
for a while. She is much
better today than Friday
but not the way she should

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The rest of us are
pretty well.

We have been leaving
my bed weather, and that
is hard upon Mother.

With love of love
Lewis

He. You are doing all we can,
Doctor in each day.
Today he told her to stay in
bed, and not to talk, so as
to take her strength.
We must look at this
again, in the fact. We all
know Mother has been very
sick, and came out all
right, but she is getting
colder, and she can't throw
off these hard colds, or
sick spells much longer.
I don't want to scare you
but I am worried, and
very anxious about her.
I think one of you should
come on now, and me a
little later and so on.

Dear X

119 College Ave
Northfield Minn.

Oct 19

My dear Nina

Your interesting letter reached me by this morning's mail, and was most welcome because of its encouraging report of your dear mother, and the many news about yourself, the family, and the friends for whom I have never lost interest. An hour ago I was telling my brother about it, and now comes his telegram to say that the loved one has the desire of his heart, and has gone home to her father's home, where there are so many to welcome her. How could he selfish not to rejoice with her that a life filled with the most devoted love and ministry to others, should be translated into immortality rather than linger in pain and helplessness. The angel's greeting to Daniel, may well be spoken of her - 'O man greatly beloved'. She was a woman greatly beloved, and will

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she might be, for her whole life was
a ministry of love. I wish I could see
you - I wish I could be with you - but on
Tuesday I shall be 79 years old, and
while I am not an invalid I have to
guard my strength from any heavy
demands. I wish I could write to reach
one of you individually, but I send a
message of love to you all, to Grace, and
the boys and Marjy as well as your dear
self. I have not yet answered Annie's
good letter but will do so very soon.

With dearest love to you all
Aunt Emily

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WE WISH TO EXPRESS OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY TO YOU AND YOUR DEAR ONES IN
 YOUR GREAT LOSS.

GEORGE AND FRIEDRICKEMERCK.

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My dear Mrs. Ediam:-

Please accept for yourself,
your sisters and brothers sincere and
heartfelt sympathies from my husband
and myself.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. H. F. Holloway
223 Upper Mountain Ave.
Montclair,

N. J.

October twenty second.

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MRS. THOMAS A. EDISON,

AKRON, O.

MISS THOMSON AND I JOIN YOUR MANY FIRENDS IN HEARTFELT
SYMPATHY FOR YOU AND YOURS.

JESSIE R. BARR.

822AM-

15-8145

My dear Mrs. T.

We are now passing through
the anxious hours that you
had a little time ago when
your bliss'd mother was called
to her long home. Her mother
is "silently creeping away" as
she expressed herself. Her
beautiful faith and patience
is an hourly sermon to us +
to be with her is a benediction.

We are writing to let you
tell you for she has spoken
of your mother so often for
whom she had such a
great admiration. Both like
delicate flowers but spend so
long to give joy to their children.

With kindest regards to all
Yours sincerely
Maria M. Shinn

Jan. 2, 1897
Dear Mine, I thank you very much
for the good times you gave me while
I was with you. Oh don't tell, but it
may be the last time that we all will
ever be together like we were on Xmas.
That was a beautiful day. I hope we all
can have a rather fine Xmas day.
We found the house in fine shape.
Mrs. Messer was over, and with the girls she
brought some of such nice ones and
they had the fire in both stoves and
curtain at the windows. It was hard to
11-2097

Come home and not find Dear Mother
here. The photographs got here Sunday
after noon; just in time for New Year.
I want to thank both you and Thomas
for it. The disc arrived as good as new
I heard, but I am under no more to get the
rest. I suppose brass all right.
Tell Thomas that two of the discs had
the same piece on. I wrote to Mr.
Wilson today about it, as they will look
after it. But, it should not be that way.
Thanking you again for the 2nd disc
Jan 2, 1907

St Paul
Tuesday April 15

My dearest Mina

Your good letter gave me
great pleasure, and (what I would
like to do would be to sit down

and write, and write, and write -
there is so much that I want
to say and you are so enticing to
talk to - but I have been ill all
winter, and writing is about tedious
for me - I only scribble little notes
to my dogs, and when I must, but
I think I am going to be better now
that spring has come, and I can get
out for long rides with my dear
brother. My trouble is with my head and
has caused me great suffering - it
is congestion, coming I suppose from
stoppage of circulation. I came up
here from Northfield a week ago to
have some doctors that I had confidence

in take my case in hand - they seem^e
to be helping me - I have wanted
so much to hear from you - they
sent me a nice letter, and told me
a few things - enclosed one from
Louise - and just incidentally mention
ed marriage from which I infer she has
married a widower - Don't let the boys
persuade you to break up the lovely
old home - surely not if three wishes
to stay there - I wish I were there on
the fourth this minute though I fear
it would not seem the same without
the sweet, gentle presence that was
its very soul. I think of you
often, and would love to visit
you - perhaps I may come next
if I get over my trouble - some
friends are going to Chauteaugua
who want me to go with them for a
few weeks - the daughter Ruth Raymond
is to teach and lecture on art - she is

an artist and does lovely work -
Bertha and the children have been in
California, at Coronado, all winter - just
got home Sunday night -

I must not write - please write
me again - love to you all, especially
you, dear heart, from

Aunt Emily

119 College Avenue
Northfield, Minn.
June 23'

My dear Nina

I shall have to write to you and Mary together, for I do not know her address, and though I am very much improved in health I cannot write long and have to be very careful not to tire my troublesome head. Just now I am fairly near lonesome, for my dear brother has gone east to attend the fiftieth anniversary of his class at Brown University. He expects to be here by the end of the week, and he writes me lovely letters every day, but I miss him very much. Northfield is a delightful college town with the most friendly and enjoyable

people, just the kind of people I enjoy²
and I could not be more comfortably
situated. We have a sober old white house
and a box, easy carriage, and are go jipping
about in all sorts of delightful woodland
places, loading ourselves with wild flowers
and pretending we like old Boston better
than an automobile. We not know just
really do - it surely is more sociable.

I have had a very hard winter, and
suffered extremely. Sometimes felt pretty
thoroughly discouraged, but now it seems
as if life might be worth living, even if
I must give up much that I found pleas-
ure in. I have even considered the possi-
bility of going for a little while to Chautau-
qua - visiting friends at Danvers, making
a call on Grace at the dear old home, and

and seeing you and Mary, and my³
dear Boston people. But in winter months
I know I could not do, and the only con-
sible thing is to stay quietly here, and try
to build up for next winter, in case I
want to get away from this rigorous cli-
mate. I don't mind the cold except that
it shuts me in - and I hate being shut
in, don't you?

It was good of you to tell me so much
about the family. I hope I may be able
to see you all again some day. If
Grace stays at the old home I could
go down there some time when you
and Mary and John are there - how
I would love to do it, but I don't like
to think of that dear little girl all
alone there. I miss so much in not

having any daughter of my own ⁴ that
I quite envy mothers who have them, and
I am afraid if I had one I should be
very hard to knit with a son-in-law.
I am quite sure I shouldn't want him
to devote himself to anything so perilous
and unnecessary as navigating in the
air. There is so much in the way of dis-
covery and invention that would be an
incalculable benefit and advantage
to mankind, it seems a pity to waste
money and brain and human life in
trying to do what men were never meant
to do. Think of leaving the splendor of a
sunset, the fresh dawn of a morning,
or the glory of a wide expanse of sky
and clouds, marred by great clumsy
constructions travelling about overhead

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and liable at any time to crash down
upon you. Let us learn to live decently
and utilize a slice of the riches already
at hand before we try to attain the ends
of the birds to our possessions.

I think I have told you of Bertha's break-
down last year from nervous exhaustion. She
went to California after spending some
months in special treatment - came back
in May, much improved, but it didn't seem
best for her to undertake the strain of
housekeeping, so they are with Mr. Rottin
who was left alone by the marriage of his
son. Our house in town and the lake
cottages are both rented, so that I am left
free to be company for my lonely brother
and it has been a happy arrangement

for both of us, though I miss the children
soon more than the grown-ups -

I suppose Louis and Rachel are back
from Spain. I enjoyed the letter from Louis
very much, and meant to write her
but have had to give up writing almost
altogether. My dearest love to Mary - tell
her to please write me. Love to you dear
girl, and all your beloveds. I shall be
more glad than I can say to hear from
you.

Affectionately

Aunt Emily

— Telegram —

Charles Edison

Mr Mianbut

Edison Lab. Orange

We are to phone from here to
Orange & notify Madeline and Shodor.

Went Mary Cousin Edith and
Mr Upton. Talk with you 15 minutes
before 8:30. Give 8:30 here.

Get particulars from Mr Hutchinson

Wise whether you understand.

Have arrangements been made to
include Mr & Mrs Mianbut

Signed -

Walter

Mrs. ROBERT A. MILLER

ROBERT A. MILLER, JR.

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Easter Sunday

NEW YORK CITY, April 12-14-

My Darling Mine

As usual you have added to our happiness by your sweet thought of us - yesterday April 11th was Robert's birthday - and on my way home I bought a bunch of flowers for Rachel & brought thinking of yours - and walked in to the house to air for thought? and walked in to the house to find just the beautiful bunch of lilies - of the valley & sweet peas from Nancy in memory of the valley - and a large plant of lilies - of the valley from Rachel - and your beautiful was very place - It really was lovely - And the place was full of sweeties - and we all thank you mine dear for thinking of us - You truly are wonderful in your thought of us - I am so glad you have had an ideal winter in Florida - and it will seem fine to have you all back - Lewis is home for his Easter vacation - He met Mrs. Humphrey on the street last evening & he told her - Mother had the news - Mr. mine so very sorry to hear it - You remember what a serious time our Ohio had at St. Paul's school with news - just before Nancy's wedding - Mr. mine will begin to look upon them as a for-nunner of death -

Mr. mine & appreciate as much hearing of dear Madeline's wedding - I know she is happy - and after all, while it is fearful, back to give her up - it will mean a great deal of happiness in many ways - I do hope of them - is anything at all Rachel or I have do you will let us do it - for it will make us very happy to help in any way we can - Miss Rogers was at Nancy's

To-day for Sunday dinner & she was talking of the fine
times you had all had - You said several times in
your letter "It is this ^{best} love" - And it seemed to
permeate the whole letter - Rachel thinks it is good
that Medeline wants her to be maid of Honor - She certainly
adores Medeline - and is as happy in her happiness -
I want it dreadful that angel never having the anxiety
to approach you & to send that photograph I am afraid it
made me very bitter - When I thought of all the heart-ache
they have endured if it had not been for them the crash
would not have been as bad and how Father Miller &
Robert would not have suffered - and I often think Robert
doubting would be with us to-day if they had not even
heartily humiliated him - But we care - Mrs! I am afraid I
am not as sure & forgiving as Robert - But I do try to
get it - and it was a satisfaction to tear both the picture
& letters up & consign them to the waste basket - I will
throw them out if any necessary - Love is always getting
even - also say "I wish every day to be done with it, you
have done the best you could - have blundered & stumbled as
well as I could - Forgive them as soon as you can" - Did
I copy for you the dear letter from Robert dear aunt I think
when he was at St. Paul? I love it & may ask me to
copy it for her - Content -

If I should miss this when the twilight came,
And, holding forth my hand, no passing kind
should meet my own - I still should know there was
not far away, for love's own ever divine the
close companionship of souls that meet,
With arms it matters not what space divides
What occurs will between.

The meeting still
may be close, real and every way complete,
As if I see thee not, I know thou art still with me, lov-
And reaching forth my hand, I grasp thine own, & then I am content.

Robert Jr. & Rachel have gone to meet a friend of Rachel's from
London who is coming to visit her for a few days. They went
down you know in a heart full love to you one week. I may
write this week. Please keep writing & I'll give you to come to me
I shall want you to feel I should go for a chat with you - Love



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Maria Babington

July 24-18

You would have been delayed with letters had I written you the thousands of things you have been in my mind. I was so very busy not to have been able to bring the 26th of June with you all - but as it was dear June 1st I worked until one in the morning - and then at the park again at 6 a.m. as they called for our trunk at 11 a.m.

I never realized how much June 1st was like dear Robert until that party of - the same sweet cherophiles - and calling "Bring on some more" - even mention spoke of it -

I suppose it reminded us of our annual parking in Patsie's - then came on and had the cottage made ready for our arrival. He showed the map to us himself and I think enjoyed the doing of it - They had part of the old tent to have a sight to behold - all in halves - and in began to think we would never get it taken down - But the first of this week they pulled it down and the Holmes people consented to put an awning over it all - They went under the tent, they say see again - so there was no alternative.

I have written you about it - and hope you will be pleased at the effort we have made to make it look better - I am so happy that you are coming for that first night and all hope you can plan to come on Monday. I am the Posing of the Third Row had then take part in that.

and I thought it would be nice to have a theater party of the
Vincent & other members - Geo. & his father will be here. And then
I thought if you would enjoy it - it would be nice to either
get up a fire - nice to Pausina - or Lake Erie or Topi Beach - the
day after the old first night - that would be Wednesday Aug 14th -

and come to the Cottage!! I am sure we can make
you comfortable and we want you - We can go to the
Hotel for some of our meals just as you used to do in
the good old Bay - but stay here - it will seem as
much more natural - It will be three years Sunday since
our precious Robert left us - Every day our great loss is so certainly
with me - I keep thinking how Robert would enjoy it all - and I
love to think he is - and in that way - get strength - Robert for
into medicine & I see your him a birthday dinner & all went to
the theater - It was lovely - and I am so glad when I know
the theater is passing pleasure for them - as the say, medicine
is naturally happy - and we couldn't ask more - than that -

I wish Mrs. Eliza would come with you And Charles & Theron
It would be a fine winter trip - Edward & Theron are coming in
their cars - It would be fine if you could persuade Mr. John
Dunlop to come along & speak to us And Mr. Clark - He would
gladly pay his expenses - And Mrs. Ford said they had always
wanted to come to Chautauque - I wish it be a red letter
week if you could all be here to gether - And we would
make the Bird & Mrs. Clark sing songs, so beautiful - we
couldn't take care of the members - I am enclosing an
envelope - as you asked me to do - Edward took a Life
membership - And I wish all the members might be Life
members - Mary said she would - And I think you will be
pleased with the number - Come with a lot of suggestions
for us - because you have studied the Bird & Mrs. for a long
and know 1000 stories near about them than I do -

This 40th Anniversary I think is the greatest inheritance
we could ask for - And dear father would get credit on
all sides - I heard the Bishop say again & again on the night
here the other day - Chautauque would never have been if it
hadn't been for dear father - a heart full of love to you all &
let me know what time you will be here - I will
be there - I will be there - I will be there - I will be there -

IRA. M. MILLER
AKRON, OHIO

Akron O July 25/18

Dear Mamma:-

I learn that you and John
are likely to come to Chautauque
for Old Fash. Fight which will be fine
and just the thing you should do.
I have not missed the occasion for
40 years and if all goes well will
be there again this year.

When you come will you kindly
bring with you my bond and back
the paper you wish me to sign with
you and if all right I will take
care of it. Please remember this.

Edy Wick and Grand ma were at
Chautauque now and they report every-
thing fine. I am trying to get Con
Margaret to go up with me but I am
not doubtful if they will stick. Say
they want to stay home this summer &
have a trip this fall or winter.

Love to you all - Dad

11-6053



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Dearest Alice

July 28 - 14

That thought came to me this morning - as I am going to
Lenny & pass them on to you. First this a.m. when buspassing
the picture store this a.m. I noticed a picture of the Bird
one of Ben on one side & Mr. Benton on the other - and the thought
came to me that this was the 40th Anniversary it would be lucky to
have dear Father's picture in all the various churches there in
Nationally with the Bird & the other two - their pictures are
in evidence and there is such expression of admiration on all
sides for Father's picture and I thought to myself I would take his
picture of & ask the photographer to take off an dozen of it - a
splendid picture - and I think it would be nice to present
to his class of 1895 - & the Rev. Lewis Miller Class - the Baptist
Congregational sentiment & the different churches - the W. C.
has a fine one - and I think it would be lucky for you Gals
to remember the people would appreciate it - their coming
from you and feel the interest - There on Tuesday afternoon
you would tell me of your experiences with bird in Church
& your own success - it would be simply great - The Bird
opened our Club last year and now to hear you speak
to us on a subject that dear mother never had - the bird
& dear Father's picture the one - always, beautiful - and her

would be close this place - for the beauty of it all - and I think
it would be fine if you would speak in the tent they have
given us on the new lot - Not in the Hall - or any place
like that - But the new place where we hope to build
& have a small New Garden just at present there is a fine
ceiling, about 100 with a tent over it - I know the people
would love it - and maybe Mr. John Burroughs would come
& talk on the tent - It really would be great! But you are
the one to especially do it this year - And I can imagine
just how happy it would make our dear one - all of them -
I thought to-day how lovely it would be to sometimes
have a building with two wings like a bird and dedicate
to Father & Mother's names - But she can do all we can this
year - And I know you would love the feeling the people
have here for Father's name & his family - I think the Bible
is actually given so that it makes them both of the past &
now in the present - I must not stay to write more -

Thank you so much for your sweet thought of my boy in
my absence he did appreciate it & said you had a grand
ful idea how lovely that would be - I am with you
I know their affection will be attracted - Give my love to
them & to Mr. Edwin & the boys - and to Miss Anne when
you see her - Victor Herbert is here this week it is a
great treat - Mr. Wise says it reminds her of the great
Musical Festival in Cincinnati - Louis will be here
you will hear Friday or Saturday - I wish you could all
come for our Sunday - If your affairs of day has thought
the picture & the Bird talk - Don't you let me know if
night letters - I wish the Gods would come - But they
will help for another time - I am anxious for your
suggestions - for you know near in an hour about build
them I would make in a year - Love so much here to
you mine dear Dad I tell you Mr. Peter is here?

Always lovingly
Laurie

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JOHN FRONER TEL.

LEWIS A. MILLER, MGR.

AKRON, OHIO, Dec. 15, 1914.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Orange, N. J.

Dear Sister:

The same letter

A day or two ago I received a postal card from Miss Hess asking for the receipt of the divinity fudge that we had one time in Orange. I enclose the receipt and hope that you will have good luck in making the candy.

I telegraphed to Thomas expressing my sympathy of the fire, but have not written. It is a great loss and I am only wishing that I could be of some service to Thomas in his trying times, but we all have to be brave and make him as jolly as we possible can and give him his own way and think he will come out alright. Mary has arrived this morning and has told us a great deal more about the fire than we knew before. You must cheer up and we will all try and be as patient with him and make it as pleasant for you as possible. You must not try to do anymore than just have us out there for Xmas day. If there is any thing I can do for you, why I can come any time now, as I have things fixed pretty well so I can get away. However, we expect to start Monday or Tuesday of next week, and as I understand we are to go to New York to Mary's before coming out to Orange.

Give my love to Thomas and the rest of them and tell him he must keep up his present happy feeling and that he will come out alright.

Your brother,

Excuse typewritten letter. *Lewis A. Miller.*

Mr. Ed. Miller

Aborn, O. 12/17/14.

My dear Sister Minnie

You and Mr. Edison have
my sympathy & I hope your loss will
bring you as much pleasure as you
find although it would be selfish
clipping from an above paper & Mr.
Sykes' report is all right any way.

Tom's Greetings to the Service
with our thanks for a happy Christmas
and a Prosperous New Year
Yours most sincerely
Edison 11-5973

[SEPTEMBER 4TH]

KODWASS-AUKE
SUNAPEE, N.H.

My Dear Mina,

We were concerned
to have Mr. Edison start
from here in such poor
condition, and we have
hoped to hear that he felt
better as soon as he
reached home, but if the
papers are to be believed
he is not yet right, & we
Madeline & I let me know
how he really is, for we
feel anxious. I have been
very cold ever since
last week, but we have
had plenty of sunshine.

The day after you left was
glorious and we did feel
sorry that Saturday
and Friday treated you
so ill as to weather, for
Linapee is quite a
different place when
hit by a sunburn.
W.C. must see it again
under better conditions
in July or August.
My family are all wait-
ing to and from the beach
today. Father and I both
it a little too far so we
have been content with
patrol up the road.
This week we see the
end of the season.

Mr. Levine receive paper
with the following note first
not as told.

Georgia goes out to Williams
Virginia in the last week
hope you hear news from them
soon. Sincerely,
Margaret

September 14th

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LEWIS A. MILLER, Mgr.

AKRON, OHIO, Apr. 2, 1915

My dear Sister Mina,

John and I arrived in Akron
Tuesday. Found all well at Oak Place.
John left Wednesday night. So I suppose
you have seen him and he has told you
all the news. Took supper at Dad's
last night, and found them all very well
Akron is just the same. I hope Madeline
is all over her sickness, and is out and about again.
I have not seen any of the Akron people
yet, so can't tell you what the society people
are doing. The weather is not as pleasant out
here as in the east. I did not want to
come back here, but until I get my land
in different shape I will have stay.

Give my love to all the family and I want to
thank you for the nice visit I had at your home.
With much love,
Lew. A.

THE MILLER LAND CO.

10 WILCOX BUILDING, 9. MAIN ST.
BOTH PHONES 743.

LEWIS A. MILLER, MGR.

AKRON, OHIO.

Apr. 9, 1915

My Dear Sister Mina,

Have you any of the estate divided, so I can get what is coming to me. I must have sixteen hundred dollars by the fifteenth, and I want to see what is coming to ~~me~~ for security.

This money ~~is~~ to turn a mortgage, and ~~see~~ I get half back, for the man that is buying my place. We are all well as of place,

Thank you for the Easter plant.

Please send me any thing you have divided, that is in my name.

Let me hear from you at once.

Your Cord.
Lewis

IRA M. MILLER
AKRON, OHIO

Akron

The Mr. Lee
Miller's letter

May 6th 1915

Mr. H. S. Miller
Orange Co. N. Y.

Answering your letter
of the 4th I must first say that
I am sorry to bother you with
this bond matter. Mrs. Edgson
will recall that all the other
heirs received their bond or bonds
nearly some year and half ago
when their market value was up
and I have been delayed from
mine until now when the value
is low and likely to continue so
and I have further permitted
the bond proceeds to be divided
among the heirs after \$5000.00 has been
set aside for me I think I have
done all that should be asked
of me. The Bond in fact is mine
entire but to avoid discussion and

IRA M. MILLER
AKRON, OHIO

get some benefit out of the bonds,
I have compromised the claim that
some of the heirs were making
but which I do not think legally
I would have been obliged to do.
I compromised with Mr. Wilson
believing the Bond to be worth
par or nearly so and \$500.00 was
what I was to have plus 1/8 of balance
over since these bonds were distributed
and among the other heirs I have
been asking for mine, it has been
held back from me and thus I
am not the one to be asked to make
good the deficit. Sorry that this
matter takes an unpleasant turn
and hope to hear from you promptly
as I honestly need the money.

Yours Very Truly
Ira M. Miller

IRA M. MILLER
AKRON, OHIO

Sept 4, 1915

Dear Mamma:-

How thoughtful of you to re-
member my Birthday with a letter.
and much do I appreciate same.
Year by year we climb up to old
age but thus far my years have
not made me feel old and you
are right live with the young
and you stay young. Our little
family have been fortunate in keep-
ing physically well and we have
enjoyed life together as we all go
along for which I am thankful
to which ^{we} I hope we will always live.
Margaret I trust has seen you some
this week and has given you all
the family as well as home news
generally so only to say that we are
all continuing well with our usual duties
well satisfied. You and Mr Edison
are sure to be congratulated that you

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IRA M. MILLER
AKRON, OHIO

Have you through so well with your
 first troubles and now back in your
 good old lines of life, and many
 many of these years of comfort we
 all want to see you have.
 Theodore when he passed through here
 on his late for the week Sunday was in
 good form and enjoying every minute
 of his time. I suppose he must be
 well near San Francisco by this time
 and thus accomplished the great feat
 he was after of having crossed the con-
 tinent on the Lord's wonder. Margaret
 writes that Medlem and Charles are now
 both busy bodies, one with household cares
 and the other commercial and all success
 full and happy, which must double your happiness.
 At the end of line Ed and Committee are
 prospering with building and all bids well
 for the winter to be most success. The Liscoes take
 possession Sept. 15th they are fine people and seem
 well pleased with building & location.

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We all send our love and may
be Elizabeth will be near you
this winter as she now has plans
to leave for N.Y. about the 15th date
with Rachel. My girls some may
want to be business women and
I suppose for a while I must
put up with it.

Yours affectionately
M

IN ROUTE
PULLMAN PRIVATE CAR

Superior, Oct. 15, 1915.

My darling Charles.

Over the American Mail
Express - I can't write when
stops which are scarce as the
train goes too fast and it
makes me sea-sick. Every
body is taking a nap and
we are leaning a firm rest
so far. Papa looks better al-
ready. I wish every one of
you was with us and then
I would be happy. Please
now is to stop at the hotel
inside the grounds, go
by Southern route home
later in San Diego and
the Grand Canyon. I will
write again soon. We are
in Chicago-7-45, leaving

Leave 9.25 for Omaha.
Wichigan Central Road.
Train 39 to Chicago -
Be good don't stay out too
late but get rest and keep
Pender company at home.

Love & kisses
Denton -

Ad mil.

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SAN FRANCISCO 1915

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San Francisco, Cal.

Oct. 28, 1915.

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Mr. and Mrs. Edison,

I have the honor of sending you under separate cover a medal which is commemorative of your visit to the French Pavilion on October 25th 1915.

Yours respectfully,

Paul L. Keegan
Secretary

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Edison, S.



Manitou Springs, Colo. Nov. 10 1915.

My dear Mrs. Edison -

The pictures turned out very well, I think, & I am sending you a set. If you want any more of them or the films of any of them just drop me a postal & I'll be glad to have them printed for you & send you the films -

I wish I could express in words how much we appreciated your giving us the great pleasure of showing you a little of our dear mountains. I only hope & pray we did not tire Mr. Edison very much & that you all enjoyed it as much as we did. It was such a privilege to actually have Mr. Edison under our own roof & we shall never forget his



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Manitou Springs, Colo. _____ 191

gracious, kindly manner - he is
certainly an example to the small -
people in this world

With a great deal of love, hoping
you had a pleasant trip home.
Affectionately,
Ida Nichols Holl-

I sent Miss Grace's pictures to Mary
for I didn't know where she was
to stay -

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Hotel Alvarado
Los Angeles

Nov 28th 1915

To the Editor.

In introducing Mr. Edison I do so with pride
pride than I did in the execution of my
duties as Vice Pres. & Master of Arts and
Science, World's Fair of 1893.

As a Naturalist I would have you note
how empty Mr. Edison's genius has
refined the prophetic Prophecy -
"I am wisdom and your face shall
shine as the stars eternal."

As a Specialist Mr. Edison has
specialized from Davy to Bessemer
specialized in invention. And now
so to speak - in invention Bessemer
finds himself this side of Davy.

The biggest side of the world
California and Mr. Edison fit -
California and Mr. Edison fit -
Mr. Edison being an Epitomist

a world within himself.
and California in floral forestry,
Deeper Mohicans, water streams
Soil - virgin always - with every
other Alkatam liquid Gold
and blooming Cliffs & Forests.

May I be forgiven in my personal
reference - I wish Mr. Edison's
Senior being born in 1846 and
shall hope to rival all equis
in my next invention. in Invention
Airships Hydroplanes, Submarines
from death and failure by
Inventions of power.

J. M. O'Neill.

Arthur Williams

Monday

Dear Mrs. Linton

We are delighted that Mr. Edison
will come. This is the Committee in
charge of the occasion - the most representatives
ever gotten together - with the Mayor as the
head. I will let you know within a few
days whether it will be the month or the
first of February. Very sincerely yours
Arthur Williams



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MOBILE, ALA.

Feb. 9. /1912

Dear Sister Mina.

I think it is fine that
Grace is to be married.

She will be out of your mind
and you need not worry anymore
about her. I expect to be in Ft Myers
only for one or two days.

When I got here I found Mr. Mc
Kisak was go on the boat to
Tampa, and they ask me to
join them, and I thought I
was so near your place I would
just run down for a day or two.

11-5771

I will be at Abou about
March first
I have had a fine trip
Am well love to all
Yours Bro.
Lewis

THE MILLER LAND CO.

11 WILSON BUILDING, S. MAIN ST.

HOVE SQUARE 741.

LEWIS A. MILLER, MGR.

To
Mr. Lewis A. Miller

AKRON, OHIO,

Apr. 4, 1916

Dear Sister Mina

Grace & Hal left here last night, they seem happy. Not much doing for them. I guess they will spend next Sunday in N.Y. and the following Sunday here in Akron.

I suppose you are having a fine tennis season this. I wish I were with you.

I must get down to work. Akron is changing every day. Oak Place is just the same however. This is the summer to dispose of any Real estate that I have, and I must try and sell all I can. We are all well, and hope you are the same. Remember me to our mother that you think I love, and with a lot of love,

Yours
Lewis

THE MILLER LAND CO.

2 WILCOX BUILDING, S. MAIN ST.
HOVE PHONE 715.

LEWIS A. MILLER, Mgr.

AKRON, OHIO, Apr. 20, 1916

Dear Sister Mina,

Your letter with the notice of a shipment of fruit was thankfully received. The fruit had not arrived yet just this morning I telephoned about it, but it had not arrived.

Grace and Mary are here, and we are having quite a time deciding about things.

I guess Mary will go back tomorrow and Grace also. We are having a rain today I hope the weather is fine with you.

Next week I start work in my peach stone lots, to try and sell all by Oct. or Nov. 1916.

~~Some~~ Much turn them into sunny weather's summer. I don't know if the ~~the~~ house will stay open until June or not. Grace I guess expects to do so although they are to start in laying it out, next week.

Hope you and all are well.

Love to all.

With much love

Your Cousin
J. J. Lewis

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LEWIS A. MILLER, MGR.

AKRON, OHIO,

Apr. 28, 1916

Dear Sister Mine,

The three boxes of fruit came
last Tuesday and are all delivered to the
right places. I thank you very much
for my box. Am sorry you had to come back
and get such weather, if it is any thing
out there as it is here, it is poor.

Oak Place is still ours as far as I
know. We had an offer in cash for it
when the girls were here, but I have not
heard if it was sold or not, or what they
are doing with it. I don't know where I will
go yet, but will get a home over place
it matters little where I go, but some day I will
live in Cal. and then you and all can come
and see me out there.

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THE MILLER LITH CO.

111 N. 3rd St. St. Louis, Mo.

I hope you found every thing fine when you
got home. Altho' is changing very fast.
You must come out soon.

Love to you and all.

Your Boss
L.W.

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Amis O. Vol. 13, 1916

My Dear Sister Mina,

I think this will ^{be his} ^{mission} surprise you, and it may not please you, but on next Monday at 6 P.M. Cottas Knives and I are to be married.

We are not having a wedding only a marriage service, at her home. Her folks will be there, and how many of my Bros & Sisters will be present I don't know. We have looked at this from all points

will reach her. Writes Ohio
P. D. #7, nine miles from
Wooten at Redburg.
we expect to leave that
night for California for a
wedding trip.

I have not told anyone
about this and we ~~do not~~^{do not}
want to told until after
we are married. Please do not
tell any one. We want to keep it
a secret. I hope we will be
happy. With ever so much love
Hubert Davis

but my best judgment is
that we are taking the
right step. I know what
you and all will say, but
please keep your thoughts
to your self. Every thing
has been talked over, all
I wish is that you will welcome
her in to the family, and will
come to see us married.
If you can not come please
write a good welcome and
happy letter to her, which



26 North Madison St.

File Mr. Louis A. Nelson.

Hotel La Salle

Chicago Nov. 7th 1916

Dear Sister Mina,

You know how glad I was you came to see us making. I did not think you could come, but you did and that made other come out just right. You should have followed us and gone to the station at 44th St, as we were there in hours and a half.

We are both happy and I think better to give each day. She won't let me do any thing, fig, or that will take much money, she said. Keep your money we will need it after while. I don't think. I made a mistake in fact I know I did not. We went shopping this eve. but every thing was always more than she would let me pay for. She will not let me buy any thing that she can get along without. We had to buy some thing this eve. but she would always add to much.

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La Salle Building St.

Hotel La Salle

Chicago

1917

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get this me it don't eat so much.
If I can only hold her love, I know
she will make me a fine wife.
She want me to tell her what I want
her to do and she will do it. So we will
help one another. This is me on the street
we must miss her I guess you remember
her. When I introduced Celia as my
wife she would not believe it. I guess
I got a head of all the folks this time.

Please write to us some time re
Pasadena Maryland Hotel, we leave
here tomorrow for Grand Canyon, and then
on to Pasadena. I want to thank you again
for making so nice, and thoughtful to
come and see us around. It was not
much of a wedding, but I thought it passed
off very nicely. What do you think?

We both send our love to you and all.

Yours Affly,
Tom.

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Dear Mr. & Mrs. ^{Miss} Rainey Pasadena, Cal.
Dear Little Mina. Dec. 9, 1916

We are in a nice little
Junglous, and are keeping home.
If you should be coming out this
way we would be delighted to give you
room. Your very good and kind
letter was received today, and we were
very glad to hear from you. We did
not hear from Dr. King while at the
Canyon. It is a wonderful place.
The weather was fine and I went down
to the river, which was a fine trip.
Cotta ~~could~~ ^{did} not go, as she thought she
could not stand the ride. We have
been at the father's house since we
have been here. Call upon George
Mills our cousin at Los Angeles also
our Henry, who has been out here
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has a home some place. Had a ³
nice letter from Mary the other day.
She must get a home some place out
of the city. She wants me so badly.
I must write to her. They had better
come out here this winter. It is
beautiful just now. Expect to have
a good time see the places.
Hope to hear from you when you
have time to write. We are sorry
we can't be with you all the time,
but hope you and all will have a
happy Christmas.
You and all.

Rainway 10

Your loving Mrs. West,
Cousin & Co.,

for some time. We expect to ²
take some quite rich street here.
Tomorrow we go to Riverside and
Redlands. This is a beautiful
place. I guess we will have buy
a tract of land, and stay out here.
The place we have is full dining
and living room kitchen bath and
sleeping porch. four windows all
looking over fine beautiful house.
We do not expect any more letters
but it is better to get our little home
some place. I can't give any thing
this year, my trip has taken all I
can spare. I asked Cotta today what
she wanted, and she said I don't want
any thing, this is beautiful trip is, my
friend, she is very thoughtful and
giving more money than we have to.
We want to keep it for a little longer.
We are happy and intend to make

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.
WASHINGTON.

March 8, 1917.

Reverend George H. Atkinson is President of the Normal and Industrial Institute of Salisbury, N.C. This institution is destined to accomplish a remarkably fine work in the education of deserving white girls in the rural and manufacturing sections of the South. Mr. Atkinson is a man of enthusiasm and boundless energy and has devoted his life to this task.

With highest esteem,

Cordially yours,

J. C. Hemminger

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.
WASHINGTON.

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MRS. THOMAS A. EDISON,
Llewellyn Park,
H. J.

Rainway 10 Pasadena Cal. 3/9/17.
Dear Sister Minnie,

I thank you for your telegram about Charles, and hope by this time he is much better, and when you get this letter he will be up and around. This is a rainy day and we are spending the day writing letters. We went down to the ranch twice this week and as soon as I get it painted we will move down. I guess if every thing is all right in Alton we will stay out here until fall. It will be nice if you can go to Alaska with the Horns this summer. If we are here you much

show you his. but you will
have me soon. Mine, don't tell
any one, but I am to be a
father some time this summer.

Mine dear, if Madeline has any thing
that would come in handy please
send it on of the care of Miss S.

I can't believe it, but it's true.

I did not want any thing to
happen the first year, but what
is me to do. Cattie is well, and
happy, and ~~we~~^{she} get around in a
nice way very few would know
at this is any thing doing.

Write us when you can.

Love from both,
Lara & John,

come down here to see us.
I have or we have a beautiful
place in the foot hills near
Blundora, about eighteen miles
from here. We bought it two
weeks ago. The bungalow has
six rooms in it, and a beautiful
view from it. My dream to have
a ranch in Cal. has come true.

I expect to make the place
keep us, so the little income
we have we can spend as we
please. We are now Cal. ranch
people. I only had two pictures
of the place, and I sent one to
Grace also one to Mary, will send
you one very soon. Hanny

Binney St. Pasadena Cal. 4/9/77

Dear Sister Mina,

I can't write, for I am all
broken up on last Friday. The
was taken out, with pain.
I called the doctor about ten P.M.
and he came and thought it
was fairer for to much late riding,
or some thing or dish, and said
if she was worse to call him
and he would come about 1 P.M.
I call and he came, and though
the hot place for her was at the
hospital, so we took her there.
I had her in a prime room and
a nice nurse. She kept getting
worse, until about 4 P.M. so we
took her to the hospital, and
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to be very carefull of her.
We must wash the kid up.
We think it best not to take for
some weeks until we see if
the little might will live.

I guess you better not send the
cows home or at all for a while.
Will keep you posted. Had a
write before, until I found
out how's thing would turn out.

So far away,

I guess if I hear or will call it
out after Uncle Milton

Milton Augustus Miller,

Don't want to be names.

What do you think?
Best and love. Lewis

about 6-15 P.M. a small
boy came. I said don't mind
the baby but take good care of
the mother. Doctor said to
take the baby from the nurse.
I look after the mother.

We are devoting on time to
Cotta, but yesterday the doctor
said the little fellow will live
and in a few week will make a
fine boy. This is ~~other~~ other
boys and on in the incubator.

The doctor said as soon as Cotta can
nurse the baby he will pick up.
I am doing all I can for them.
I can't get over the shock and
as Cotta was so well and I tried

Airway 10 Pasadena Cal. 4/24/17

Dear Peter Maria.

Well, we are ^{the same} getting along
nicely, and the baby is improving,
and is picking up some, and will
live and come out all right.
You ~~don't~~ ^{know} how badly I feel about
this affair. I can believe it some
times, but we will have him it yet.
Cotta is doing fine, and if she was not
the baby would not live. We have a
good nurse, and that helps.
He is a little night, but will foud
and perfect in every way. So we
will not have a corpse.
I am glad we are out here, but some
times I wish we were near Boston
people, but we will come east some
time. ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~same~~ ^{same} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~same~~ ^{same}

11-5944

I looked for a letter from you
today, but none came.

I hope the war will not make
you sick, and this will find
you and all well.

Write when you can
We both send our love.
Lewis

Rimway 10 Paradise Cal. 11/17

Dear Sister Maria,

I received a letter from Grace, and she said Thomas was sick. I hope he is all right by this time. We are getting along as well as one could expect. and some day if all goes well we will show you a fine boy. He is improving and I guess the best thing that has happened Cotta care nurse him and the doctor said that was the best thing for him. I had a nice letter from John. I think

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people that are about New York
better come out here this summer
and spend the summer with us.
You all need a rest.
Had a nice letter from Mary
and Grace. I hope this will
find you and all well.
We both send our love

Lewis

P.S. Believe please find some
pictures of the ranch
Come and see it.

^{See} ¹⁸⁷¹ ¹⁸⁷¹ 337 Pacific Ave, May 6th 1871

Hay dear Mrs Colver & have a book
that just came in my possession
which belonged to A. C. Forde.
It was presented to him by Samuel
Miller in 1870. - It belonged to
Anderson Miller who died in 1872
was in 1849. It is the Works & Life
of Thomas Josephus (Cleric) Latell,
the book was published in London
in 1811. - and translated by Mr
Whiston. Would it be of any value
to you? if it is yours. Yours truly
// - 1871

Sincerely yours

Emma L. Ford

337 Pacific Ave

Greasy City

Thank you

With Mrs. Nichols & ask her
if she thinks this could be
any of our family,

Rainway to Paradise Feb. 7,

Dear Sister Mina.

We received your good letter yesterday and I thank you very much for writing, as I know you are busy and have all you can do to look after Thomas. Don't worry too much but I know it is hard. We are not quite so excited as we was as you are out east, but this is some stirring out here, we are getting things planted for the world to eat. This is more talk, and work over that than about young men entering the army, about a lot of young men

dead but in a few minutes he ³
~~could~~ cried. Well the Dr gave it
to the nurse, and we did not see
it for about two days or thirty-six
hours. After the nurse took it, what
was done I don't know, only after a
few minutes the nurse came in a
told the Dr. some thing, and he
went out of the room. After awhile
he came back and said, the baby
is all right. His head was not
much bigger than my ~~first~~ first
and his legs and body I thought
would never stretch out, but you
should see him now. He's twice
as big as when he came. The Dr.
said just as soon as Cotta could
nurse him he would begin to

are being drilled about him ²
I hope you will have a nice
time with Thomas G. How far.
You asked me to tell you about
our young man. Well, I don't
know when to stop. In the first
place I can't get use to having
a baby. Well, so I get it we talked
to much about two week before the
baby came. The Dr. said that if Cotta
had not be as well, he did not
know what would have happened.
She was as well, we could not see
how this could have happened.
When the baby came well, I can't
tell you, but it looked like a piece
of sausage the Dr. said, I thought

change, and it has fixed ^{ed}.
Now what they did to hinder
how they cared for him, I don't
know as I was not allowed to
go in and see him, and only
saw him when Cotta nursed
him. He is a bald headed boy
and I guess will have three eyes
I think he will be fair like Cotta,
although we can't tell yet. I
~~wish~~ wish they had not had
happened, but we must live it out.
Now we have not told any one
but your girls Grace Mary Cora
and you, also Mother Linsler, so
don't tell yet. We think a little later
of age, when baby was born the doctor
said he was about the age of baby

that was about six months ^{gone}
or it was the sixth month. So it was
a good thing he said, as that gave
him strength. I have a good
nurse, and will keep her for a
few weeks. The trunk owned, as
left, but have a good baby nurse
and she can work. So Cotta has
life easy. The trunk nurse's
get \$30 per week this one get
\$15.00 per week that some high, but
we can't do with out them, at this
times. I guess the Maids will have
to wait for some more. It is
too far to send it out here. I
thank you very much, and some
day you care and she try come thing.
Had a nice letter from John & Mary
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and painted it, as it was ⁷
dark and not home like. I
think we will be in it in about
two weeks. I have to get the inside
pleasant and nice. It is our home
and I want it to be a home for
all my Mother & Brother, and Father &
Mother in law. I will have to buy
some things, and what I got from
Oak Place I will have it fixed
up quite nicely. Mary, think she
and Nell, will come out to
Manatlan this summer and if
they do, they will come out to
Paines. I hope they will come.
We will have to go back east in the
fall. I must get some things fixed
up in about. Well. I guess you

Mary suggested ~~calling~~ calling
him Alexander after Mother, Uncle
Wilton, and myself. (Alexander August
Miller) How would that do?
Had a nice letter also from Bruce
and Coz. Bruce is, as you say,
very much on the go. I am sorry
that Nell is not well. Poor Mary
seems to have her hands full
with Nell. I wish he would
forget himself he would be better. I
think we would be glad to see you
in our home. We are still at
Reinway, but I thought we would be
at the ranch by this time, but it
takes for ever to do things, out here.
I change the little bugled corner

will have a hard time to read
this letter. Give our love to
all the family, and write soon
again. Keep well, and come out
to see us, and have a good visit.

Give our love
She will be all right in a few
weeks. Love yours both.

Lewis

Pa. I have tried to get two small
pillows like the one's we had for
Mother dear. Have you any, or can
you get me two if you please.

I think you go some more for Mother.
I will try and write over a week
but some times the weeks pass before
I know it. Love Lewis

Paradise Binnig 1827 7/3/7.

Dear Sister Mina

This is a beautiful day, and we have had the baby out in the air most all day. He is growing now, so much that we would not think it the same baby.

I guess it will turn out a fine boy, and some day he will make a good big man. We don't think we will tell about it, until some time yet, as it would be better to wait a few months.

Mina, if you can, with out disturbing Thomas. I wish you would ask him if he had any way that he could influence

Colla is getting strong, really
now, and I guess she will get
strong, and as well as she ever was,
and I hope better. She said just
a few minutes ago, as she was
going to lie down, kisses
my love and tell her I am happy.
There is one good thing she seems
happy, and I am trying my best
to make her so, and with your good
letters will help me to be happy.

Write when you can.
Must love,
Davis

South Cal. Edison Co which
has bought most of the P. O.
(Pacific Light & Power Co. stock
and are one.) to put electric
light to my place. They have
to run poles about two thousand
feet, and they want me to
pay a little over five hundred
dollars to do it. I thought
Thomas might have some pull
that he could use to help
me to get the light, and
power. I hope he has found
something to do up the W. rats.
I know you are worry but I think
some thing will come up to keep
us out of getting in to deep.

Chinway 10 Pasadena Cal. 7, 1/17

Dear Sister Maria ^{John} & Mr. Lewis Miller

Just a word to let you know how we are. Cotte is doing fine now, and is getting stronger each day. Miller (Alexander) & your Miller is getting to be quite a baby. He shows signs of hair and is getting fat. Every body thinks it wonderful how fast he is picking up. The Dr. said today that he is a fine boy. He had not seen him for over a week.

We expect to get into our hospital at the ranch next week.

The only thing that we talk of is light fat. I guess we can get the old gang filled to work. ^{1/17} 59-58

fixing to get it to go. 2
I think the Indians will be our
first guests, as we have invited
them to spend the first Sunday
with us. We are beginning to see
some thing of the war, as there is
a camp not far from here, and
I think in a few weeks there will
be ten or twenty thousand men
down there. I hope it will come
to end this summer so our boys
need not go. With I understand
of the best. Love from both of us.
Your Ours.
Doris

file
in
the
book
with
me

R. D. F.
Cottol Dille,
Stanford, California

June 3/7

Dear Peter Meina,

Just a word to let you know
where we are. You can see by the
heading of this letter. I will
try and tell you how we have
fixed it up. In our bed room
we had, dresser, and tea table
a rocking, and straw chair.

In the room for desks and books
dark wood about the same as in
our room. Bath, living room
six or eight chairs take all in
wickers ware. dining room take
and six chairs. Kitchen oil stove
and other things to cook by. I think

home. I hope for your sake³
and all our sakes that the
war will soon end. I am
writing a oil lamp and Otto
is reading so we share the
lamp. The nurse we have
leave us this week, and we
expect to get a cook to help
with the baby, and eat for us.
I have tried to make a case
for our little mother, and am.
I did not get the floor for her
when you asked me to, but we
waited untill we got down here,
and now I will get her a nice
furniture of some kind. Thank you
for thank, and some day we home
to see you in our little home. She

Otto has made a nice home²
for me, and I hope I share for her.
The inside of the house is all white
wood, the outside gray and white.
a nice porch with chair and
a porch swing. With this I
hope you will soon come
and see us. We have to burn
oil
lamp as we have no Electric
light. I wish if Thomas could he
would use his pull, if he has
any to with the Edison Co. to get
them to put in electric light for
us. I have about \$500.00 to put it
in. They only leave to cost it about
two thousand feet. We received a
fine letter from you Saturday
just as we were leaving for our

whole house or perhaps would go ⁴
in your den.
Love to you and all from us
but also lets baby wish he
could say to give her my love.
Write when you can.
Much love
Lewis & Cotta

June 3, 1917

Dear Aunt Minnie:-

Where on earth did you get hold of that wonderful fudge? Did you make it yourself?? It was certainly mighty fine and you should have seen it disappear. I had a very fine birthday what with your fudge and some things from Mother & several letters. It was mighty good of you to think of me and I appreciate it immensely.

Camp life this summer is nowhere near as hard as last summer but still it hasn't hardships the worst of these is the food. For some reason or other they don't seem to be able, at least to our camp, to furnish good food. I keep going into town for meals and eating all sorts of truck between times. However things may change. I hope so anyway. The work is quite interesting and so getting more so as we get into deeper and deeper. I am at present a squad leader & corporal which I think should prove advantageous. We're hoping this part week we have really been kept pretty busy. We have had several hikes, quite a good deal of drilling and calisthenics, lectures, study, etc. The weather for a while was terrific and held us up but now it seems to be improving and I hope it continues to do so.

Some of the work is of a rather gruesome sort as the famous drill. They are terrible instruments and I sincerely hope I shall never have to use!

one or other it would show it seems rather peculiar
to be told that you must do so & so if you expect
to kill some man like he kills you. It's all
rather horrible and but man who not seem to
have reached the position where he can attack
it and pick at present war seems a rather
the only possible course to be followed in order to
somewhat ensure its future abatement.

I have been down to a little town nearly for
a couple of week-ends, Waterbury. This week
though I thought I would stay in camp & it hasn't
been at all bad. We live, or at least some of us
do, in long wooden barracks, cots ranged on
either side according to squads and stores
ranged spasmodically down the center. The quarters
are really rather comfortable though they were
mighty cold for a while. It is really very
pretty up here as we are right on the banks of
Lake Ontario, on a hill. It reminds me a lot
of Chautauque as I look across the bay and
makes me wish I was there - but such is life.
It is a very old barracks & there are a number
of permanent buildings where some of the boys
stay. Now I must leave you. Please, if you
ever find time, drop me a line as I ^{should be} ~~should be~~ ^{very} ~~very~~ ^{glad} ~~glad~~ ^{to} ~~to~~ ^{hear} ~~hear~~ ^{from} ~~from~~ ^{you} ~~you~~. Please remember
them delighted to hear from you. Please remember
me to all the family. Thanks again for the letter
with a great deal of love,
Your nephew,
William Branch
Waterbury, N.Y.
G. J. Madison Barracks.
Lewis
4-2379

June 27, 1917.

Dear Aunt Maria.

I am glad of this opportunity of writing you. This opportunity consists of being in charge of quarters and hence being obliged to remain in the barracks while the rest of the organization is out doing the possible work. I want to thank you for the second fine box of fudge which you sent. Where on earth do you get it? It is wonderful and disappears like magic amidst many "Yunis" and "U-nies"! Now I want to thank you for your letter too. I was certainly mighty glad to get it as letters mean a great deal up here. Thank you for your offer of a phonograph. But I'm afraid this wouldn't be much use for it here in the barracks as we have very little free time and then too I doubt if it would be allowed. I am in the artillery band now and we work all the time. Our work consists almost entirely of mental work, that is to say studies, lectures and recitations. This is largely due to the fact that at present we have not received our equipment to work with. ~~Artillery is expected~~ somewhere this week. We never seem to have any spare time. From 5:15 in the morning until 7:30 at night but still it is interesting work and so I don't object other-
-wise. In changing to the artillery, I changed my barracks so that I am now in Battery 3, rather than Company 9 and any mail should be addressed to the new address in case you feel like writing us again and I certainly hope you will not only feel but be able to do so again soon.

Isn't it splendid about Uncle Sam. He certainly should be happy. I'm glad to hear Theodore is helping his father and I feel sure he will be a great help.

I've always had a great admiration for Roosevelt
and his ability and so you pretty sure he'll make good.
I certainly wish something could be done to stop the
work of the submarines as I am inclined to think
that they are largely the cause for the continued
prolongation of this war. However, I suppose one must
be patient & await developments. I think I told
you of the country up here before. It is really very
pretty and in spots makes me think of dear old
Chautauque and the good times I've had there
in former summers. Sometime maybe I'll be able
to enjoy them again. There is really little for me
to write you about as things up here are conducted
in a routine order ~~which~~ a description of which
you afraid might prove monotonous. So I will leave
you for the present. However, I shall try and write
again soon & in the meantime I hope I'll hear
again from you. Thanks again for all you
have done & are doing for me. Give my love to
all the family and keep loads of it for yourself.
Yours lovingly,
Lewis.

Battery 3,
Hickory Branch,
Watkins, N. Y.

file Lewis V

Celia Villa
Hudson, California

July 8, 1917

Dear Antonio,

His last week Celia and baby has
been sick. On the fourth the Dodge
of at-on called, and they could
not see Celia or the baby. Celia is
much better today, but the last
week she had a high fever
and I got very much worked
up. The Dodges said they
letted our ranch and little
home very much. We have
some fine pine oaks and
other beautiful trees about the
house, and they birds are
they were only here about one
hour. but I showed them all
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kinds you would like it.
The Dodg's said that Ira & Cora
expected to come out here next
winter, so we will have them
here. I do hope you can come.
Mr & Mrs. Sanger expect to come
back with us. We can take care
of all that seems well, you
should see how our boy has
changed this last week. He
watches us as we leave the room
and hears our voices. He is some
boy, and we think we have a baby
after all. up untill Tuesday
when Cotta was taken sick. He
seems to sleep about nine o'clock
and never wakes untill five.

I could in that house.

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Mind seen. You take your own
way telling people that we
expect to stay, or that we have
a boy, but don't tell them how
old he is. You know what people
would say or think if you told
them how old he was. Tell
them he came a few weeks
for time. We don't want people
to know where he was born for
some time yet. You are what
I mean, and please tell them
why it came so soon.
Next Sunday or rather Friday the
Dadler expect to come down to
stay one Sunday. I wish you
could see our little home. I

In the morning. How's that?
for a try? Well, we are thinking
we have a fine try, but the way
he is changing by the time we
get east he will be a big boy.
I hope you and all the others
are well. Love to you and all
from both of us. Sam & Cora.

Shudra Cal. Sep. 1917

Dear Sister Mina,

Your last letter asking us
what you should do, was read
with interest. We think you
should stay by Thomas, as he
needs you now. This is very
hard for him, and if he wants
you, it is your place to be
with him. We are having fine
weather, and some times I
wish we did not have to return.
We are booked to leave here Oct.
6, and arrive in Wroter the
tent. We must stay with other
people for a few weeks, and then
in a tent. I hope we will all
have a good time, but well, and
we could not do to all. &

With love
Milton & Emma Miller
Lester & Cora

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My dear Sister, Mina

Glendora Cal. Nov. 27/77
File Mrs. ~~John~~ Miller
What has become of you?
Have had no letter for a
month, are you put out with
me. I wrote John months ago
but have never heard from
him. She was is getting worse
instead of better, I just went in to
put Milton to bed. He is getting
to be a fine little fellow. I am
sorry you cant see him. We are
putting out some plants and
have been painting today.
We are digging a well for some
nine walls. we got some
but not enough.

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Write to me, and you don't
know how much I miss your
letter. It may be you don't
want to write, but write any
way. I have always tried to
do the right thing, so don't
forget me. All our love.
Love to all,
Your Poor
Lewis

I had a letter from Ida²
and Mr. Benisone and
they thought they could
attend to my things in
Alton, so I decided to
not to return east just now.
I come times wish I had
returned, but when I see in
the paper what cold weather
you are having, I think
it was wise we did not go.
We are having beautiful
weather. I suppose Thomas
is working just as hard as ever
with. I guess I had better go to bed.
I can't write I am so sleepy.

Hq. Co. 105th T.A.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

7th
Div. 105th T.A.

Nov. 11, 1917.

Dear Aunt Mavis:-

I wonder how you all are. I get scraps of news about you from parts of your letters which Mother carries to me but that is not much to depend on. I judge however that you must be having a very interesting time and perhaps a pretty making one. I certainly was disappointed when I was worded to J. Smith because I rather counted on going over to see you occasionally and might on having you drive over to see me. However such is life in the army. All I hope is that I get back worth for a healthy you all at least before we sail. Just when that time will be nobody around here has any idea. Of course there are all sorts of conjectures and numerous speculations about that nothing at all definite. We may leave in two weeks and again not for two months. Then again I may be worded somewhere else before this outfit is sent out. Anything is possible and I am rapidly learning to live in the present. You may not have heard but I was worded about some time here. First I was in a battery in the 10th T.A. then I was changed to a battery in

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the 108th T.A. and later we moved into the Headquarters
Co. of the 108th T.A. where there is some chance I
may stay. We are a very good group of officers and the
Headquarters Co. consisting of twenty one in number.
There are aero observers, balloon observers, telephone
officers, radio officers etc. I am at present listed
as a balloon observer so when I come back from
the war I shall try to get a job with some circus
and dressed in pink tights, make several
leaps from stupendous heights supported only by
a thin parachute. So far, however, I have yet to
see a balloon from which to observe. In a tent
right alongside of mine is a young chap named
Joe Duane from Hudson, N.Y. who says he knows
Charles quite well at Boston Tech. Then a
Majr Gable in this regiment is married to a girl
whom I know to be one of the Galt's from New
York. This is a Galt's girl staying with them. I met
her the other night but I don't know just which
one she is.

Life down here is not what you might call thrilling
in fact at times it grows rather monotonous. This
is partly due to lack of equipment such as balloons,
aeroplanes etc. for as Headquarters officers to play
around with. However occasionally we go out on little
camping out one night and it's more a less inter-
esting than I take in an occasional party very
at the County Club or the Portledge Inn and there
yet in a small bit of social life. However I'm not

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much in that sort of thing. I like 'home parties' which are informal & where you can really get to know people and not be merely mobilized by masses of useless small talk. I have done quite a bit of horseback riding since I have been here, at times going out two or three times a day. We get up about 6.15 here. That is to say the men are supposed to get up then though we officers as a rule don't get up until later. We take turns getting up with the men & taking charge of the company.

I wish you could see the crowds going by here in automobiles. I am sitting on my cot in my hut and there is a haze of dust all around me as car after car rolls by with the people in them glancing eagerly and curiously at the apparent mirage through which they are passing. It is quite a sight though to go through this camp and see the thousands of tents and buildings spread over great areas and I can't say I blame the people for coming out to see it. I think it gives them something to do on Sunday besides ~~make~~ ^{go} around their houses. Tell Madeline when you write her that I dreamt about her last night so she may know I think of her as I do of you all & wish I might see you again soon.

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expecting to hear next any time of Chick Thomas
having perfected some wonderful thing which will
help to put an end to the absurdity of a war.
If you ever get a chance drop me a line and
let me know what you & the whole family are
doing. I often think of you all & picture Glaravit
& the good times I have had there. Remember me
to Charles & Theodore & to Chick Thomas if he isn't
too busy, also to Chick John when you see him.
Likewise all the other good people about you
whom I know, as well as George and -oh scampy,
with loads & loads of love,

always lovingly,
Lewis.

Hesperia, Ca. 1105 E. F.A.
Camp Hancock, Argusville, Ia.

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Dear Mrs. Edison:

I found the
book you asked Mr. Kiserin
to bring down for you
shortly after he left -
and am sending it down
under separate cover.

The Sachau people are
send their regards.

Sincerely yours,

Frank B. Rowland

Onondaga, N.Y.
Sunday PM.
November twenty-fifth.
Nov 25 1918

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Blondora Cal. Dec. 9/7

Dear Sister Maria.

Your nice letter was received, and we are always glad to hear from you. We spent Thanksgiving here with the Sadlers, as Mother Sadler came back from the east the day before. We had a good time.

You had Madeline and her baby with you, so had some of your children with you. It is too bad about Helen Collins. Mrs Sadler told us some thing about her. So Harriet Miles expect to come any or all on her return. We will be glad to see her, although Cotta don't know her, but Cotta is fine that way.

You will find our Christmas list, but you need not send all on the list, for we are treated, and will not do much for tomas. If you can send some thing nice to Cotta and Milton, don't mind me.

It will be very hard to have Lewis & Robert leave for France, but we will all have to be brave for Maria's sake. I hope she will see them before they have to go. I ought to write to them. We are having nice day, the weather is just like June. I am trying to get Cotta's Father & Mother to come out after tomas, they may come. Write Maria to come out and spend Xmas with us. We hope you and all will have a fine return together, and are disappointed that ~~you~~ ^{we} can't be with you. Love to all from all.
Your poor Lewis. Cotta
Milton is fine, and the finest by you around.

P.S. Dear sister Nina: Have been wondering so much how your legs were as my mother has had serious time for years and four years ago she broke and ulcered them so she was set in so that we had to have her in bed for weeks and I know what she suffered; but since the ulcer has healed she wears a rubber stocking and she says it is the best thing and such a support: so perhaps we would help you also. I hope yours is much better now so you can be around again.

Wish you could all be with us at Xmas time but guess that is impossible this year. Don't worry about presents for us as we can not do much this year and we will just be thankful to know that all the family is well and happy.

We ate dinner on the front porch today as it was so nice to have the table indoors. Milton is very well altho a little fretful at night. I think his teeth are bothering him, altho he has not cut any yet.

Am enclosing a couple of snaps - the one above was taken the other morning after his bath. In the other you can see how his father plays with him. Love to you Cotta

307th Infantry
Camp Upton, N. Y.
December 18, 1917

Dear Aunt Mina

Please forgive me for my long delay in acknowledging your wonderful thought of me. I can't begin to tell you how much it has been appreciated, so hope that you will take the will to express it, for the deed!

This Army life is a most strenuous one and while in Camps one is so busy that it is almost impossible to find time to write friends, let alone really keep in touch with the out-side world!

Just at this moment, I am writing in the "Orderly Room", and am rather rushing against time, as we have to have our "mess" up in here, and the Captain asked me to get out by 9³⁰ - it is now 9²⁰ ^{deliberately}. I would be at a lecture, but for some reason, it was called off for tonight and tomorrow night, so I don't have a chance to write you and Mother, wish I might ~~write~~ ^{write} it more often, for on this basis, it is very hard to get any thread of thought going, and makes it really interesting.

Practically all the building around here
is finished now, and things seem more
settled - almost ready for the
Division to start its pilgrimages from
pillar to post across the high seas.
No body knows where that will start. I am
hoping not soon!

Now I must run along and let
this mail get to bed! Also, I have to try to
shoot tomorrow!

Good night, sweet Decimus &
loads of love! Tell Lira that if she will
give me her address, I'll try to write
her sometimes though I don't know
when.

Once more, many many more
thanks for all you have done for
me than I can ever express

Longly
Junior.

P.S. Am sending this to Stumout as I
do not know your Washington address.

on active duty with it, so that I couldn't possibly
get away. Then again I want to make sure that
I don't get any more and I'm very much afraid
my chances would be much weakened if I went
away for a day or so now, even if I could. The
only thing I have been able to look up is the
foreman's schedule and I must say that
don't too promising as you seem to have
found out. The only two possible times
to be - one leaving Sacramento at 2 P.M. and
arriving at 8 P.M. another leaving at 7 P.M.
and arriving at 8:30 the next morning. I haven't
had a chance of looking up the Charleston
times yet, so I'm afraid I can't tell you anything
about that. If you can possibly come over here I
certainly hope you will as nothing would keep
me away more. Come on over for a couple of
days. There is a fine hotel here. The One the
and I am pretty sure you can get accommodated
where there. It is one of the Southern Winter Mount
hotels. However, if you can not hit Auguston
before the 10th, I'm afraid I would have to



108 TH. U.S. FIELD ARTILLERY

March 27, 1918.

Darling Sweet Maria:

So long it is I have not writ you, would
it? Well, I have been busy. I was at an officer's
training school and then I was on the range
then we went on a ride, during this time
we also had two divisional reviews etc. etc.
Accordingly I haven't had much opportunity to
write you and thank you for the propa-
ganda. It certainly was sweet of you to send
them and it would have done your heart good
to see them disappear. I also received your
two good letters and had been trying my best
to answer them but this is my first real
chance. I'm sorry, kindly sorry but it would
be impossible for me to get away to Charleston
especially at this time. At present I am with
Battery A of this regiment and the only officer

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advise you not to come because it would prob-³
ably be practically impossible for you to procure
any kind of accommodation North from here off
that side. If, however, you are coming North,
I hope that time I certainly do hope you will
drop off and see me.

Besides you know it would be an interesting
longer one trip for Charles & your new daughter.
That certainly was a surprise telegram he sent
me out it pleased me greatly that he sent
it. I wish I might see him this for the first
time but somehow you can't seem to have
much of that sort of privilege when you're in
the army. I know he's mighty happy and that
you are too. The song I send him the bride
but if fortune is good to me perhaps I shall
some day bring her here now and then it'll
be sure of it. Give my congratulations to the
bridegroom again please and also my best
wishes to the bride who tell her from me that
I personally recommend her man and feel

quite sure that she'll be a right good friend with them.

Write in the last letter that we shall not be going
North in the 3^d of which means that she'll get to N.Y.

about the 15th of which I am only thankful that God will

showing I must close and good bye to all. To know what's

you time in our time of things close to this. Now I might

mean know. I would just start in the new story because

it was up to me and paper and get all worked up. It

is just about your opinion for you. I'll be right

to you friend. Tell your opinion to by r come see how

much by not to the fact (you said with words it had

written to land and given and words of this to your

own interest only. You always begin.

Writing to 1848 F.A.
Smythwick, Dutch, Pa.

Friend

Bludora Cal. May 27/8

Dear Sister Maria.

As you are happy with another grand son, and a ~~daughter~~ new daughter - in law. Well we are still with in Cal. and by the looks of things we will stay some time. Celia Bonetto want to come out this summer, and I can't see how we can go east just now so we expect to see her brother out here. Mr. Mrs. Sawyer expect to come out next winter for a short visit, so you see here side of the family will see our little home. And if some other winterly come beside that, my wife would

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He said labor was out of the
questions and is having a
hard time getting along.

How is Thomas A. I hope he is
well, and is happy ^{and} ~~well~~.

Poor man he has his times.

Well we are all quite well again.
Write soon.

all our love to all.

Love
Dad's

Our little home.

Milton has had a very hard
cold the last week.

Saturday and tomorrow I help
Hart Simon tree. Some day we
will get a crop off of them.

I guess all the eastern people
that we know have returned.

Do we own very few people.
We refused the Pader down
tepidary. We are sorry we
can't be present at Jd. wedding.
We will all ~~from~~ be present.

This was is the limit. Had a
card from John today.

Blundora Cal. Dec. 27/18

Dear Sister Mina,

I must write a short letter
to you, this year yet, just think
me sure your has passed. Fine
first folks. We had a nice
Christmas. Sister Father's Mother are here
with us this winter. We had a
small tree for Milton, and he
received some nice presents.
Father bought Sister Ann and a
friend spent the week with us.
Had a nice gift from Grace
and Mary for Milton. a card
from Madeline a cap and
sweets from Mrs. Fry a letter from
Grace you did not have much
of a success. I must close soon
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We had twenty one calls ^{sent}
Had Mrs. Rueschke was for dinner
a few weeks ago. Had a nice call
Friday from Mrs. Holt. Will
hold the States. She was put here
or in Calif. for me week and took
me day to come out to see us.
We fell quite puffed up.

Expect quite a number after
a while as the people are
coming out fast now after Texas.
We have missed the tree so far
but we can't tell when it will
struck us. I wish you could see
Millie Madelin has her hands
full. Reminds me to home well
write soon. ^{with our love to all}
with when you can. Love

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Quiet day for you.

I had a letter from John
with a statement about the
balance of our place.
I think if they can sell the
land they better do so.

I am glad that the war is
over, and some thing is being
done with the land. We expect
to return east this summer as
I want to try and sell off all
my lots in Abson.
We are having the floor very
padded out here, and we do not
go out much any in the city.

I could not write for any.

A few days lie among
the pine trees down
north for her and for all
of us.

Let me wish for you,
Mr. Edison and your
family a new year
of health and happiness.

Sincerely yours
Samuel T. Dutton

Jan. 7, 1919.

Friend's
Special Letter



Home address.
Walden Ave.
Hartstead, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Edison:

How
how very kind to remember
Mr. Dutton and me in
connection with your
invitation. I had hoped
to attend but in fact
that we were moving to the
city in the first one, as
my daughter was just
receiving from influenza,

was also greatly disappointed not to have sent my answer before the event.

Thanking you for thinking of us,

Very sincerely,
George Bowdler

May 17th

THE
OWNERS

EFFENDI HILL
OYSTER BAY, LONG ISLAND
NEW YORK

Dear Mrs. Louisa.

Your delightful invitation to lunch with you last week was not received until the luncheon was over, and I go in so seldom to the Barclay and I was greatly disappointed for it would have given us so much pleasure to have gone to it. I

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Special letter,
file address

October 10th

EFFENDI HILL
OYSTER BAY, LONG ISLAND
NEW YORK

Dear Mrs. Laisan.

If you and Mr. Laisan
could have seen the
lovely smile that
graced your flowers
when I told Mr. Powell
from whom they were,
you would have felt
more than repaid for
your charming thought.
He sends you his
dearest thanks & wishes
mine were joined,
Very sincerely,
Frances Powell

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Hotel Earle,
103 Waverly Place,
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April 7, 1920.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
Fort Myers, Florida.

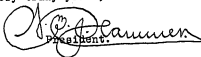
Dear Mrs. Edison,

Kindly read the enclosed letter, a copy of which I am sending to all of the Directors of the Edison Pioneers Organization, and write me at your early convenience any criticisms and suggestions you may care to make.

Please treat these matters for the present in confidence, and also realize that they are but tentative suggestions, regarding which your views are cordially welcomed.

Shortly after hearing from the Directors, a meeting will be called in New York to act upon these and other matters of importance to the Edison Pioneers.

Very truly yours,


PRESIDENT.

Enclosure.

*P.S. Mr Edison & myself will be interested to know what
some of us have suspected with Mr Edison & Mr Upton
in trying to relieve Mr Jello's present embarrassments.
Francis J. Lee has written me that he has
received the money Mr Edison & Mr Upton spent.* m.j.h.

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April 5, 1920.

"Edison Pioneers"

Dear Friends:

At our Third Annual Meeting at the Edison Laboratories, Orange, New Jersey, which was held coincident with the Luncheon given to Mr. Edison in celebration of his seventy-third birthday, you did me the very great honor of electing me to the Presidency of your organization, and I feel a great sense of responsibility in accepting this office so ably filled by my distinguished predecessors, Mr. Francis R. Upton and Mr. John W. Lieb.

I have in mind a number of plans which it seems to me should be considered at the present time in connection with the future activities of the Edison Pioneers and the many things which I am sure that we all of us are anxious should be done in Mr. Edison's name. We may not be able to carry all of these projects through to completion, but we can at least consider them carefully and seriously and select the most suitable among these and other suggestions and do our best to carry them through successfully.

Naturally, the extent to which we shall be able to carry out these and other plans will be dependent to a large degree upon the cooperation which we can secure from the many men who have been directly and indirectly connected with Mr. Edison and his diversified interests, and these men, here and abroad, represent millions in the aggregate, and by proper planning at the present time we should be able almost immediately to augment our present membership by means of an active campaign among those entitled to join and embracing the Edison men of the 19th Century.

Perhaps, the best way to handle the matter would be to appoint a committee which would at once arrange for local committees at the Edison Laboratory, Phonograph Works, Storage Battery Works, Cement Works, etc.; General Electric Works at Schenectady, and the branches of the General Electric Company in New York, Harrison, N. J. (Edison Lamp Works) Lynn, Mass., etc.; also at the various Edison Electric Illuminating Companies in New York, Brooklyn, Boston, Chicago and elsewhere, as well as among the Electrical Industry generally, both here and abroad. As an illustration - Messrs. Andrews, Clark and Bergren could form a committee at Schenectady; Mr. Lieb could arrange a committee at the New York Edison Company; Mr. Edger at Boston; Mr. Insull

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at Chicago, etc.; and these men would be supplied by our Committee with copies of our Booklet containing the Constitution and By-Laws and information regarding our plans.

I feel that we should see that our organization be representative to the fullest degree, not only of the men identified with Mr. Edison's various electric lighting enterprises, but also of his work in connection with the telegraph, telephone, phonograph, moving picture, storage battery, cement, ore milling, electric pen and duplicating processes, his research work, metallurgical, chemical and other activities. Some of our Founder Members have been connected with Mr. Edison's work in several or perhaps many of his spheres of activity and some of them both here and abroad, but we must see that as this organization broadens all Edison men will feel that we are all working with the same end in view and that, aside from the honor of succession which the descendants of the Founder Members hold, the Associate Members possess every right and privilege as to office and membership which the Founder Members possess. It is understood that all applying for membership shall fill out one of the forms recently approved, which will give the record of the applicant's connection with Mr. Edison or his interests, giving dates, etc. and referring to two Edison Pioneers familiar with his record.

One matter of paramount importance should be decided upon at once, and this relates to the Associate Members which will be taken into the organization in large numbers in the immediate future. It seems to me that, while we wish to take in any and all men who have been connected directly and indirectly with Mr. Edison and his various interests, we should draw the line where certain Edison interests have been absorbed by other interests, in such a manner and to such a degree that there is little or no direct relationship with Mr. Edison and his former organizations. Naturally, the old Edison men who have been absorbed would be eligible, but men coming into the concerns at a later date it seems to me should not be eligible - they would only weaken the morale and aims of the Edison Pioneers.

Past President Upton has made the admirable suggestion, already approved by the organization, that a Memorial Arch to Mr. Edison, and his contributions to Electrical Science and Industry, be erected over the Lincoln Highway, where it passes Mr. Edison's old home and Laboratory buildings at Menlo Park, New Jersey. It was at this historic spot that many of Mr. Edison's most important inventions first saw the light of day. Here was developed and perfected the Edison Incandescent Electric Lamp and the Edison system of distribution of electric light and power, his phonograph, his carbon transmitter and loud speaking and other telephones, his electric pen and duplicating process, many of his telegraphic inventions, and here his two electric railways were built and extensively experimented upon. While many might say there are better and more conspicuous places for

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erecting the proposed memorial arch than at Menlo Park, still in many ways this is the logical spot, and with the erection of the proposed stone posts and medallions marking the situation of the various historic buildings about Menlo Park, this little hamlet would always remain a Mecca and in the near future the famous Lincoln Highway will be adorned with a wondrous aggregate of historic memorials to America's great men, stretching from coast to coast.

Within a few days I have had a long talk with Mr. Thomas Hastings, the eminent architect and the builder of the recent World's War "Arch of Victory" erected on Fifth Avenue at Madison Square, and also architect of the New York Public Library and many other well-known structures. As a result of our talk, Mr. Hastings has agreed at any time to go with a committee from this organization to Menlo Park, N. J., with a view of determining the most suitable site for the arch and also for securing certain data which will enable him to prepare without cost to us tentative drawings of such a memorial arch, and it is my hope that we may be able to lay the corner stone of this arch during this year and take steps to secure the hearty cooperation of the various Edison interests in carrying the work to completion. It is believed that we shall secure the hearty cooperation, not alone of the Edison Pioneers and the various electrical and other engineering organizations, but also of the various Edison Electric Illuminating Companies, the various Edison manufacturing interests, the General Electric Company and the Electrical Industry generally.

I am also glad to announce that after a special conference with Mr. and Mrs. Edison, it has been arranged that Mr. Gutson Borglum, one of the world's greatest sculptors, whose famous Lincoln stand in the rotunda of the Capitol at Washington, will model without cost to us a bust of Mr. Edison, which may perhaps be the one to go down to history as Houdin's famous bust of Washington. There does not today exist a satisfactory bust of Mr. Edison, and if this proposed bust is all we can desire, it would seem to me not only appropriate to embody it in the Edison Memorial Arch, but also appropriate for the Edison Pioneers to present replicas of this bust to the U. S. Government to be placed in the dome of the Capitol and to present replicas to the leading electrical organizations here and abroad, such as the American Institute of Electrical Engineers in this country and the British, French, Italian, Belgian, Japanese, and other corresponding institutions.

Mr. Paul Kruesi of Chattanooga, Tenn., under date of January 30, 1920, in writing to Mr. F. O. Martin, made the admirable suggestion that the Edison Pioneers establish a chair in Mr. Edison's honor in one of the leading colleges, and he suggests Union College at Schenectady, not only because of the close connection and cooperation between Union College and the General Electric Company, but because the commercial development

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of many of Mr. Edison's ideas took place at Schenectady. It is well to quote a few words of Mr. Kruesi's letter as follows:

"When one stops to think of the frightful destruction of economic wealth and the waste of capital during the past few years in connection with the war, the great constructive work of Mr. Edison looms up all the larger and makes all the more impossible for the world over to pay its obligations to him. The tributes we can render are feeble, indeed."

Perhaps, the Edison Pioneers could eventually establish a number of Scholarships similar to the Rhodes Scholarships, each carrying a stipend permitting student of America to carry out advanced studies and research in the laboratories and workshops abroad and extending similar privileges to foreigners in this country.

Vice-President Kiddle told me recently of a book which he had which was written in French and afterwards translated into English, which book was written by two officers (French) abroad and gives the record of America and the American Soldier in France during the World's War, and he tells me that the French Government has now made this book a part of the Curriculum of the schools of France, that the youth of France may always know and properly appreciate what France owes to America; and Mr. Kiddle and I believe others have thought it would be possible to prepare such a book dealing with the life and work of Thomas Alva Edison, which book the Edison Pioneers could secure the adoption of as part of the Curriculum of the Common Schools of America, for what character in American History represents a more stimulating, hopeful, helpful influence for the youth of America than Thomas Alva Edison?

In my conversation with Mr. Kiddle, we agreed that there were at present only two books to consider, and that the admirable work of Messrs. Martin and Dyer was too advanced and elaborate a work for such a purpose and that the book of Mr. Headmorcroft more nearly represented what is desired. Perhaps, with certain modifications, this book might answer admirably, although it might, perhaps, be well for the association to offer a prize for such a book and appoint a committee of our members and certain leading Educators to decide upon the book most suitable for the purpose.

Your President, as Chairman of the Committee on Certificate of Membership and Badge of the Edison Pioneers, presented quite a number of designs for the badge which can be made in the form of either a button, pin, watch fob or charm, and at the recent annual meeting on Mr. Edison's seventy-third birthday about forty designs were exhibited. Mr. and Mrs. Edison and practically all those who saw the designs selected the same design, with nearly all selecting the same second choice.

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This design combines in monogram form the letters E and P and resembles somewhat a Greek Zetafraternity pin. As a resolution was subsequently passed by the Board of Directors adopting the approved design and instructing the Committee to proceed at once to have the same made and distributed and also similarly instructing the Committee regarding furnishing the approved Certificate of Membership, it is hoped that both will be in the hands of the members at an early date.

One rough form of Membership Certificate has been submitted and approved. The general idea is that the centre of the Certificate should resemble the general plan of the Certificate of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers but with black letters instead of script, and around this centre a design is to be worked which will carry the portrait of Mr. Edison and various historic Edison buildings, etc., such as Mr. Edison's birthplace at Milan, Erie Co., Ohio, his present home at Orange, N. J., his Menlo Park and Orange laboratories, the machine shop and original lamp factory at Menlo Park, 65 Fifth Avenue, Georok Street Works, his first and second Electric Railways at Menlo Park, etc.

It would be very expensive to do this work properly upon an engraved stone or plate, but the Committee has received very moderate estimates of the cost of such a design, which can be reproduced beautifully and economically by photogravure. I have such samples and a rough design, which I have already submitted at the Annual Meeting, and your Committee welcomes your criticisms and suggestions. The first copy should, I believe, be presented to Mr. Frederick A. Schaffler, our esteemed Treasurer, through whose initiation the Edison Pioneers was formed, and as the pins will be numbered the first one might be presented to Mrs. Edison.

Another idea which I wish to lay before you and which I approach with some hesitancy, requires very careful consideration, and I trust that the matter will be treated in confidence until a committee which will be appointed can consider the matter from all points of view.

It would be a fine thing if the Edison Pioneers were periodically to present to some individual, not alone of America, but of the world, a medal to be known as "The Edison Pioneers Medal," this medal to be awarded only to men whose work in electricity, science or engineering best typifies the Pioneer as represented by Mr. Edison and his work. The recipient should be a man whose transcendent genius and labor has made many blades of grass grow where one grew before. This medal should be placed on the very highest plane and be open to the whole world.

One objection to this is that there is an Edison Medal originally established by the Edison Medal Association, February 11, 1904, "to celebrate the achievements of a quarter of a

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century in the Art of electric lighting and with which the name of Thomas Alva Edison is imperishably identified."

On March 26, 1908, the medal was turned over to the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, and they formed the Edison Medal Committee and, as stated, "this committee shall award said medal to some resident of the United States or the Dominion of Canada for 'Meritorious Achievement' in Electrical Science or Electrical Engineering or the Electrical Arts whenever, in the judgment of said committee, a resident of either of said countries is properly deserving of such award."

Without indulging in undue criticism, attention might be called to the fact that this Institute Committee has not now nor has it in the past had any adequate representation of Edison men upon it and there are 25 men on the committee. There is no tablet or certificate hanging upon the walls of the Institute headquarters memorializing the Edison Medal Association and its transfer of its funds and its Medal to the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

A recent number of a leading electrotechnical paper, referring to Mr. Edison's life and work, speaks of the Edison Medal as an Institute matter wholly, and prominent men in and out of the Institute know little or nothing of the organization of this medal and believe it to be wholly an Institute matter.

It is my personal belief that there is ample justification for the establishment of The Edison Pioneer Medal. It should, however, be placed upon the highest plane and open to the entire world. It might even carry with it a money award in gold. It should become known throughout the world as the "Globe Prize." As already suggested, it should, I believe, go to the men whose work in Electricity, Science or Engineering best typifies the Pioneer as represented by Thomas Alva Edison and his life's work, and I believe this Grand Prize would be well worthy to bear the name of our honored Chief and constitute one of the things the Edison Pioneer would be most proud to be associated with and delight in giving in Edison's name.

Perhaps, you will ask where are the funds for carrying out such a programme to come from? Aside from the cooperation which we can rationally expect from important commercial interests in connection with the proposed "Memorial Arch," it seems to me that we should have little difficulty taking care of these matters. It is a well-known fact that practically all technical societies require all of their members' initiation fees and dues to carry on their work, pay salaries of officers and clerks, rent, office charges, printing of proceedings, convention expenses, traveling, etc. In this respect we are very favorably situated, for at present none of our officers receive any salary and we have no rent to pay and we publish no pro-

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ceedings. We shall in the future need some funds for printing our booklet and propaganda material to send to the Edison men here and abroad, but even with our very modest dues we should soon have a considerable sum at our disposal. It seems to me that the Edison Pioneers can do nothing so likely to keep ever before the world the name and fame of Thomas Alva Edison and show itself worthy to exist than to do good deeds in Edison's name.

Finally, it seems to your President that if this report meets with your favorable consideration that we should embody its salient features, together with your suggestions and modifications in a letter to the membership as a whole that they may be well advised of the present plans and future hopes of the Edison Pioneers. If this report is found suitable, it might be sent to our various local committees to assist in securing new members and their hearty cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

President, Edison Pioneers.

Copy for Mr. John Edison

Confidential

Hotel Barle,
103 Waverly Place,
New York, N. Y.
April 7, 1920.

Mr. John W. Lieb,
Vice-President and General Manager,
New York Edison Company,
15th Street and Irving Place,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Lieb,

Eight Edison Pioneers contributed \$105 to the Francis Jehl fund, and the writer, after endeavoring to forward the money to Mr. Jehl at Budapest through various banking and other institutions, including the State Department, decided to send him a Food Draft through the Guaranty Trust Company for \$50 and ask him whether he wished more help sent in that way. The draft was sent February 5, 1920, and as I received word from Mr. Jehl a few days ago stating that the food was most acceptable, I sent him a second Food Draft through the Guaranty Trust Company on March 31, 1920, and asked him to advise me of its receipt and whether he would need further drafts and how soon.

Mr. Jehl would have considerable difficulty in getting out of the country and believes that he should remain there for the present at least and safeguard his interests.

He is deeply appreciative of this much needed help.

Very truly yours,

J. G. Cannon

Translated extract from letter. From Mme. J.F.Audouin.

Spindler

9 rue de Civry, Paris.
December 8, 1920.

..... We have followed with great interest your Presidential election, and from all we can learn of your new President we are happy in your choice as we hope that he will be the one so necessary for your Country, and that he will know how to maintain the ties that now bind the Nations of Friends, and that he will wish to make these ties still stronger.

We are much interested in the discoveries of Mr. Edison but unhappily nothing precise or in detail has been written here on the subject, but we are sure that it is a matter of very serious importance coming from such a brain, and it is to be deplored that we have received such meagre information. Perhaps you can give us some indication on this subject, which will permit us to understand more exactly what is known.

We have framed the portrait which Mr. Edison gave Fred, and it has the place of honor in our salon.

We observed Independence day in illuminating our windows and in draping them with American and French flags. This we shall do every year.

A week ago we had the great Inter-Allied Congress, of all the Nations united by the great war, each Nation being represented by Five of its members, and my husband had the honor of being one of those to represent France.

.....
Madeline Audouin.

MRS. IRA M. MILLER
41 SCOTT AVE.
CHAFTAUGA, N. Y.

[c. 1920]

Dear Miss :-

We have trunks
and chain all nicely
packed but just the
freight embargo will
not allow us to ship
by Penn Ry we are now
waiting answer from
Eric Lynch. Owing to
this slowness in freight
you may prefer to have
them forwarded by Express
Telegraph on receipt of this
letter if you want them by Express

11-5981

Mr Schorck has the Cottage²
in fine form and seems
to be taking good care
of things generally.

We are as a family
now left pretty well
alone at Adirondack
although we are making
new acquaintances with
new people and thus find
ourselves quite happy in
our Winter Home.

If we get good snows
plenty of ice so that
we can make some
Winter sports you must

All come on, we could³
surely have good times
Cora is doing quite nicely
getting stronger enjoys
Auto riding and we
are just having fine
times riding. So many
beautiful drives and
interesting things to see.

If Cora keeps on doing
well we are pretty
sure of a winter today
here.

Hope you are doing your
duty with Ham Vole
today will make a showing
for the League of Nations as

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against the Republican
Idea. Now see I still
believe if the Wilson
Idea had been kept
going right after the
War the World would
be in far better shape
than it is today
Love to all
Wm.

Telegraph about future

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50 CHURCH STREET, NEW YORK,
JANUARY 27, 1921.

To the Edison Pioneers and Guests,
Please carefully note the following:

- (1) Date, February 11, 1921.
- (2) Place, "Glenmont" Llewellyn Park, West Orange, N. J.
- (3) Time, Half past twelve, noon.
- (4) Dress, Informal.
- (5) Directions, If you expect to come by railroad the Del., Lack. & Western R. R. will be convenient. A special car will be designated on Train 209, leaving West 23d and Christopher St. ferries at 11:30 A. M., Barclay St. ferry 11:37 A. M. and Hoboken Terminal 11:52 A. M. (Hudson Tube).

Tickets should be purchased to Orange Station. The train is due to arrive at 12:15. At Orange conveyances will be available, for which a moderate charge will be made. These will convey the party direct to the Edison residence.

Parties coming by automobile should plan to arrive not later than 12:30. Direction arrows located between Llewellyn Park entrance and "Glenmont" will point the way.

Members of the various committees will be found at the Railroad Station, Park entrance and elsewhere to answer any questions. If possible, they will be designated by suitable badges.

Kindly send your cheque covering your annual dues of \$5 for 1921 and covering cost of luncheon for self and accompanying members of your family at \$2.50 each to FRANCIS A. SCHNYTZLER, Treasurer, Edison Pioneers, 50 Church Street, New York City.

Please forward the enclosed postal card properly filled out, at once, advising if you will come, by what route and how many will be in your party.

Return trains on the D., L. & W. Rd. leave Orange Station at 2:43 P. M., 3:56 P. M. and 4:14 P. M.

T. COMMERFORD MARTIN,
Chairman Reception Committee.

FREDK. A. SCHEFFLER,
Chairman Committee on Arrangements.

R. S. V. P.



EDWARD R. MILLER
ARSON, OHIO
754 Wall St.
2/24/31

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My dear Mica+

I received a box of grapefruit from your Florida place, not so long ago & they were fine. We'll have grapefruit way in to June, I enjoy them & thank you ever so much. We got back from our motor trip the 30th of March, after a dead-end trip. Sorry to have missed John's wedding but I did not get the invite until I went to my office on my return hour, if it had been addressed to my home, 754 Wall it would have been forwarded to me.

Chas Bunch, is located in Oberlin for a few weeks, looking after the interests of the Postal Telegraph Co. So we had him down here last Saturday & Sunday, he is just recovering from a very serious sick spell he had in South America. He represented & had a fine job with the Postal Co. down there, but had to give it up on account of fever, & complications of things he is looking bad, I am sorry for him - It is just in Arson & suppose

and ~~will~~ will be all summer. So we have settled
down for the season. We might motor up to
Chautauque for a day or so if you should take a
notion to let them ^{and} would let me know -

Give my love to Mr Edison ^{and}
all the family Lovingly Ed.

Mrs. ROBERT A. MILLER

DRAW WORK
EMBROIDERY
TELEPHONE BRYANT 8335

ROBERT A. MILLER

MANUFACTURER
PORTO RICAN NEEDLE WORK
17 WEST 49TH STREET

RACHEL ALICE MILLER

SALON ROOMS
38 COMERCIO STREET
POINTE A PITRE
21 ALLEN STREET
SAN JUAN, P. R.

NEW YORK CITY *Jan 21/24*

My dear Darling -

This is just a line to tell you I love you in the same fond old way - Our guests from Porto Rico left us Saturday - Dear Mrs. Jager had a bad attack of grippe - Mrs. Albert Shaw came for the week Saturday - These Mercedes - the little niece of Neartine came down with chicken-pox - and the doctor said, under no consideration to let Junior & Edith come with the baby - As they are at Mary's - she & Ned are at Atlantic City - But Junior & Edith came as very kind, but I think they are glad for the rest - They are leaving tomorrow night for Chautauque & are a happy little trio. I think you are a dear to let them leave the cottage & they certainly lots of private it - and I find myself looking forward to July -

I had a letter from Mary this morning - it was giving measurements of some scarf or - she had indeed had forgotten until she was packing for Bridgeton. Poor said her father was not at all well & her life seemed to grow more complicated - I guess Mary is in the same boat as most of us - In all try to adjust ourselves to it - and is the best we can do - I must owe to her Jr. Edith is the best we can do - He is adorable - a little boy of seven she was quite girlish - Mary would be there - as she returns Wednesday - loads of love from - darling - I hope all goes well with you & yours -
Dorothy Louise

[ca Oct. 1921]

Wednesday

Dear Aunt Nina,

I surely am mighty
sorry that this little note
had not gotten off to you
before to tell you how
much I enjoyed my visit
with you. Am hoping though
that you all may know
how very much I appreciated
coming out to you in
Glendon.

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Have wondered so often
just how Madeiret was
progressing. Surely hope
she will feel Abner will
have enough there to
interest her so that when
she is in Pittsburgh she
will go over. We all would
love to have her.

Yesterday afternoon
Rachel, Helen and I went
out to the matinee seeing
"Lillian" which we all
were very much

impressed by.
Today we are having supper
the wonderful machine out
if we have time plan to drive
up to Riverside for some lobster
do we are going to have a lobster
dinner the Thursday night.
Two of Rachel's friends are leaving
out and hope to have Maude
with them.

I was so sorry to hear⁴
of Mr. Potts's death, but
I do hope he did not have
to suffer a great deal
during his last days.

Remember me to the doctor
when you write. He surely
deserves a big vote of thanks
for all he's done for his cousin.
With much love and
many many thanks,
Aunt Miss, for my fine
visit - Elizabeth.

[Summer 1921]

MRS. L. L. MILLER
366 WASHINGTON STREET
GLENCOE, ILL.

My dear Minnie

We were sorry not to have been with you last Sunday. I decided Saturday evening after leaving your house, that if Uncle Levi was better, that we would accept your invitation and stay over Sunday with you. But Sunday morning he did not seem as well - and John and I both thought he better go on to Washington, and not take the chances of his getting sick at your house. He seems all right again, and we think the very hot trip from Washington to Montclair on Friday - and the excitement of Levi for being married was too much for him. He has been remarkably well for some time, but Saturday and Sunday he seemed to be confused, but I am quite sure it was because

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MRS. L. L. MILLER
323 WASHINGTON STREET
GLENCOE, ILL.

536 Broad St ²

to get so tired coming to the wedding. He was much pleased that you, Madeline and her husband, and John P. and his bride came to the wedding, and we greatly appreciated Mr Edison coming in. My boys have always had a great admiration for Mr Edison, and wished they might know him. Levi had never met him, and felt especially honored meeting him on his wedding day. It seemed so good to see you all again, and we had all hoped to see Mary and Louise and their families. I hope Mary is recovering rapidly - If the journey had not been so long I am sure some of Son's family would have been there. Junior and Margaret are such good friends that he felt his wedding day was not complete without seeing her. Minnie you wished me to ask Uncle Levi something about the Miller ancestry. He

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MRS. L. L. MILLER
212 WASHINGTON STREET
GLENCOE, ILL.

has some records at home, which I will send you after I get back to Chicago - it may not however be more than Mary has. I know this much that your Greatgrandfather's Miller's name was Abraham and your Grandfather's name was John who married Mary York - whose children were Abraham, Jacob and Lewis - after her death he married Elizabeth Journey (Aultman) a widow - the children by the second marriage were John - Solomon - Levi and Elizabeth - and two others who died in infancy. Of course you know all this. Sent this hot weather, it is very hot here, but fortunately the nights are fairly comfortable. I hope that we shall meet again before so many years again - With love to you and all the family from Uncle Levi and Aunt Marcia

[Ca 1421-22]

MRS. ESTELLE J. BARDOUR-CLARK
68 HALEY STREET APARTMENT 302
EAST ORANGE, NEW JERSEY

My dear Mrs. Edison:

It was indeed nice
to hear from you again
I sincerely appreciated your
recent card more than
I can tell you.

I was awfully sorry
you have had such a
trying year. Glad to know
you are feeling more like your-
self again. I understand perfectly
not hearing from you sooner
for I fully realize the many

Wife's health has
improved & my visit
often on when
you are in. Right
I would like to
see you in N.J.
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you in N.J.
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you in N.J.

MRS. ESTELLE J. BARBOUR-CLARK
22 HALFED STREET APARTMENT 21
EAST ORANGE, NEW JERSEY

demands on your time.

I shall look forward very
much to seeing you sometime
soon and am going to come
up in my new little Ford
Cabriolet and take you for a
ride some day, if you would
care to go and take not too
busy with engagements. I
am very proud of it for I have
only recently bought it. It
has already been the greatest
pleasure to me. I am out in

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it all day long as I have a
most interesting new fiction
that I am very enthusiastic
about.

Thank you again, Mrs. Edison,
for your very kind thought of
me.

Trusting that you and
Mr. Edison are well this
summer and with kindest
remembrances to your folks.

Cordially,

Estelle J. Barbour-Clark

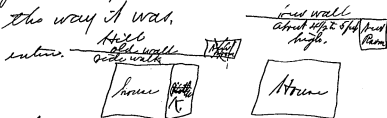
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Shudora Cal. May 24. 22

Dear Sister Minnie.

Well, you are fixing up the cottage at Chautauque. I like your plan and think it fine that you can do it. We have been doing some wood work back of the home. This was a wall about five or six feet for the house, about 3 feet high.

I took out this wall, and dug out back about 15 or 18 feet, and it made it very much better. While we were all torn up I made a place for a wash room and a stor. room just back from the kitchen. This was the way it was.



This will make us sure over in the home.

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I want to thank you for the invitation
for Tomass. I expect to leave as we do
about Oct. 1. Carter's party is to be here
Friday to make us a visit so we
will not stay so long in Ohio.

We'll stay a few days with Dad's and
then on to Iowa's and then to your
home. So John will come to a
father that is fine I hope they will
get along nicely.

We are all well. Mother is improving
and is fine. All kind love,

Love
Lucas

374 N. HILLER
24 HILL AVENUE
ARSON OHIO

June 16. 22
Dear Anna:-

Your kind telegram
just recd and we thank you
deeply for the invitation and
would promptly accept same
if circumstances were such
that we could change our
plans from the way they are
now set. You know our dear
Cora is at the Lakeside Hospital
& go there tomorrow to see her
and possibly make some ar-
rangement about bringing
her home Thursday or Friday next.
She is much better but not well
quick and disk are necessary with

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ED. W. MILLER
24 MILL AVENUE
ARNDEN, ONT.

her for some time to come.
Margaret leaves next Tuesday
for Chautauque by way of Con-
bridge Springs taking Grand Ma
time with her far as Sagerton
where she will leave her for
several weeks stay. Grand Ma
is quite well again, she knows
about Sagerton and thinks
she can enjoy herself there
fine and be well cared for.
This will reduce our numbers
here at home a little and if Cora
keeps doing well Margaret will
stay at Chautauque for the winter
and Elizabeth and I may come
up for short stays through the
winter. As sorry Cora must &

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IDA H. MILLER
26 WALL AVENUE
ARSON OHIO

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in this condition. We're trying
to call on you for her and
trust by end of next week
she may find herself stronger
and much more improved
from now, and wish you might
run down and see her after
the Federation.

From all reports your Cottage
improvements must be fine
and it is good that so many
of you can be there Sunday
for a reunion and general
house warming and I can
only congratulate ^{you} on this splendid thing.
Elizabeth is well but feels she
would like to stay near her
mother. Mother wants to thank you
with love and wishes to you all good.

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The Woodland

C. H. PATRIE, MANAGER
RATES \$2.50 TO \$4.25 PER DAY.
RUNNING HOT AND COLD WATER IN EVERY ROOM.

Open ~~Wed~~ Aug 15 1922

My dear Mima -

When we are, had a break down, expect it will take three or four more days to get a shaft from Ellwood, to put us in order again so that we can go on. However, this is a comfortable little hotel & there is a moorery show to go to, a large lumber mill, I spent all morning in & around the mill watching them saw large logs into lumber of all sizes & shapes, it was quite interesting. It is very warm about 95 in the shade. We have to go about 175 miles north of here to a little town called Webster, in Burnett County. I have 120 acres of land there, I am going to sell. I expect to get around 25⁰⁰ Dollars an acre. Judging from the information I get from the mill I talk with along your way.

I received your letter, telling about what John was expecting at his home

Love to all

Good for John
Sincerely Edward

[October 17, 1922]

41 SCOTT AVE.
CHAMPAIGN, N. Y.

Tuesday Evening

My dear Mina - ^{BBB} Thank you ^{BBB} for your ^{BBB} letter this morning. You must ^{BBB} did me good and I am feeling better, ^B so you see we have come to me. We miss you & Mary. It seemed good to feel you were at the Cottage. Surely it is a lovely, old place. I think always it is an artistic place. I have always loved the little cottage. It always reminds me of Mother & Dad. Just her own self and
11-5906

41 SCOTT AVE.
CHAUTAUQUE, N. Y.

what she stood for. I have always
been so grateful that I love
my mother in law & always
enjoyed being with her & the days
we spent together were bright spots
in my life. I think she was a
wonderful little person. I just picked
a James Town paper & read this
about Mr. Goddard. To think his
wife has not heard him. I think
it was fine you called on him. I
will find out about him when he
goes to Mayville. I am sure he
will be there. I will look it up
for you when I read it.

I know you will please him
to be remembered. I am so glad
you are at a reception at the Church.
I had a short note today. It was
beautiful but raining this evening.
Lena is all ready to go home
tomorrow. I think she has had a
good time & all looks fine at the
Cottage. I have decided the winter
this year. Margaret comes Thanksgiving
& then Christmas. Then goes to school
in February then Margaret's sister.
Then we will look for Spring &
then come the people will be
11 - 5746

returning to Chautauque from the
Smith & all parts of the U. S. The boys
come & go and we seem to be busy. I
saw & heard, sit in the porch. Dad & Elizabeth
seem to have plenty to do. The "thing" is
this week also the "Club" but most of
the town is going to spend the winter
here, so we have many lights.

The gas is gone today, it comes
to gold, but my little electric stove
takes care of me. Dad & Elizabeth go
to the St. Louis. They got every evening
any way. It makes it easier for
Elizabeth & I think they enjoy it.
It makes a pleasant break in
the evening. I write & see & send

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Mother was eighty years old yesterday
& Dad & I will be married thirty
six years Thursday Oct. 19th just
think of that. I can hardly believe
it my self. It will also be ten
years Thursday since Mother
Miller left us. The trees are still
beautiful, the clouds today wonderful
over the lake with the sun breaking
through now & then you could see
miles today. The Countesses surely
looked around here. The best
steak business yesterday & give me.
Wished you & Mr. Dalton was here.

I think he would enjoy the fall
here. I feel like for Chautauque
is newer & denser than Abcon.

It was all business in Abcon
& here stood for better things &
and the best in us. I wish the
Board would give it on its income
& never mention money of old
First Night & this year the motto be
to "Make Chautauque beautiful" not
with money but with good & good
a new fence around it & take the
old that might money to pay for
the fence. In five years will build
near thing out repair & make clean
all the building, a little each
year & more stop planting grass

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CHAUTAUQUE, N. Y.

Just make clean, glass globes on the
studio porch & make Miller Park
& around the Lake green & clean.
& keep the pier clean. keep all
Cinders for the ponds & all feathers
from the birds on the place to build
up the deer places. Don't need so
much money but more head and
economy. "Make Chautauque Clean"
& even the cottages will clean up.
Every cottage owner plant a Mountain
Ash next year, a Norway Spruce, a
or next year an Elm or something
pretty. This year is its to be
Held in 1 day. 54 feet about 1/2 - 3/4 1906

plant something yellow with yellow
flowers. I don't know what would be
pretty that color for this year. It
should be a shrub that would last
year after year. Give my love to
Madeline & tell her she better run
out to Ohio & visit Margaret, and
let's see us at Chautauque. We will
expect you in February. Give me
Edison with you. With love & best
wishes Love -

She spent Thanksgiving with [5]
no. Mother had Mrs Young
spend the days with her & they
had a fine time. I have a fine
little maid at home and she
does anything for Mother.
Margaret came Wednesday
& stayed until Sunday.
Mrs Hinner an old friend
of Mother's visits her at
Christmas time. Mother is
very well on the 45 mile of the
fibre. I think as well as ever.
On her eightieth birthday she
forgot, that Margaret a
little cloud Ant's can for them

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MRS. IRA M. MILLER
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CHAUTAQUA, N. Y.

Sunday Evening

My dear Mamma

We all enjoy
your good letters and interested
writing at me but the days come
& go. So many days I am busy
& do not get up early. I am
feeling better this week & it
seems all as usual. We should
all enjoy coming East for
Christmas. Many thanks for
the kind invitation, though
but I cannot stay at Chautauque
Margaret is coming to me
H. S. 15000

they on the go most of the time ⁽³³⁾
She likes to go & ride around.
I am so glad for they can
go day or night. Margaret
is very willing the story
accounts & hopes to have them
finished by Christmas. I
think I will go on for
down our house on Washburn
St & are building four stone
walls. The trees were so
large had to do some thing
to carry them. Margaret things
done but since we left home
they look fine from a
picture she sent me.

We used stone, brick and ⁽³⁴⁾
material in the old house with
some new material to build
them. I think the child has
done well with it. I am anxious
to see them but will write
Walter Spenser, for me, to
inquire if he can come
early & stay until I shall be
at school to see you. Our little
house is present as far as I
enjoy it. I've got cold with
go to the St Cloud. Don't they both
go once or sometime & twice
a day for their meals. I make
a change for them & help
they talk with her work.

a week they have - meeting 43
last week at West field, the
week before at Jamieson &
the week before at Chantagon.
That makes at give for him.
He played golf yesterday with
Mr Hunter & Mr Smith, beautiful
day. It certainly is quite peaceful
here & good air. next fall you
& Mr Edison must stay a month.
They seem to catch fish, we
have had give given us &
now we are having rabbit
the country is beautiful around
here. I feel almost if I cannot
get back to a City.

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CHANTONOK, N. Y.

Den is at Church this evening
& they both is reading beside
me. The dove alone did to
Jamieson today. Give has
the Lake was beautiful Co
We could see Jamieson in
the distance. It has been a
mild winter so far. Hope
it will be all winter. The
people that are here saying
& we enjoy them. They both
seems happy & den give to the
Office with day & some men
are always there. About once
11-5-900

I have not been home since. (7)
I love the people & Lake
Not many here this winter
but enough for me. We have
telephone as you can get
us night at home. We do
enjoy it. can get home easy
& they telephone all telegrams
& we get them sooner. I am
glad Rachel is so well and get
along so well. think the trip will
do her good, to be in the house.
Hazel Madeline is feeling
better you see my love.
We suggest to visit family
their visit with us.

They all look fine I think. (8)
I shall think of you all at
Christmas time with love
& best wishes to you all at
Steuernut. Be happy for
yourself & Ann.

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21 SCOTT AVE.
CHAUTAUQUE, N. Y.

[DECEMBER, 1922]

My dear dear Hiram your letter was fine and
told us all what we all loved to hear about
your driving Christmas & about the family.
I could cite you all. My Atlantic Monthly Club
Home Beautiful are with here & I love them
with. I shall have a Christmas present each
month & always different & also in making
them change my own thinking. The cover
Home Beautiful is a joy to you remember it?
I know you have every thing in that
living room of yours. I am all the time of that
cover, I enjoyed it when with you those
few days. I am going to have a corner table
at some day. I love to look them over even
if I do not read all. It is a real education
of the day. My Hiram is so beautiful to you
but I don't see the eyes Hiram, my dear Hiram.
We had a fine Christmas at Chautauque
11-5987

Mary met some up & stayed a week. Mother had²
a coming to his sick bed & my faithful little maid
who gets on well with her. They had a good quiet
together. I think Mother enjoys keeping house.
But was a fruit cake she makes herself. She
is very well this winter. The book we delivered
at the St. Elms, had good sale. I think
a very good number. The book - three to
the front porch & a little one in the house
& a little one up stairs for the girls. I gave
me a little electric stove, we have no gas this
winter. They do with a case of screens and
a book I ordered for Mother a case of screens
I asked for two pairs but got only one pair.
Mary met gave me a quilt, with filling
Crimson, & six towels with my name on them
she did. Mary a bunch of cards in case.
I have a chest for to rest of things. I have
a linen chest part of Peter & Edith a
white scarf, white one - white belt & Rachel
a round hat, but so much. She got me
a tiny hat, cap, comb, plate & trace]

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It was just to unpack, a small Christmas tree & Hollie paper & wrap couple of things remembering about ten people on the grounds, that we were to give them to. It goes all as pretty & practical as well; it took time to do & give any one who is not well. Hope she will come to us for a while at Chautauque when she comes back from Child. I think she does so much. I am glad she is in Ontario in the summer & does she go on the work. I think it is good for both she & Louise. If it ever long time for her, and I should like to see her. The construction from June ends & plunging since the 12. I think it would be great to meet her some winter. The love of her I feel I can never not be a City. She is having the time of her life, much more for her to be here than at home. When she has more work, you see all the girls in the room are much more than. The work, thanks to all in the room. 11-5907

It is not impossible, four hundred people
live this winter. We are able to get all we
need. Really some very fine people. I
play pool & checkers with the Park Folks, he is
a fine game player. He would not play
in the New York time. He let you know he
proud of them I think it is fine. Tell him
his case is good off him. Don't let me and
sent it to the Hall's house. I think it is fine
to do any well. We are looking for them
Feb. 1st it will not be long now. I should go
to Cleveland & see my doctor but I don't
going. I am well much better but I do
get weary & I do not do anything. I have
enjoy this work. I feel tired & weary.
The which was not well last week and
I think I worried a little. She seems well
today. I don't know for her disease.
But I don't they go for their disease
the long way. I don't for a week now. I
think she should herself & stay on the

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I'll ground with her and some children
But I think it has passed off. I hope so.
Really it is beautiful here. I go every
real picture picture. Look around the
Miller Cottage. At night, the appearance
of the ground the room make it like going
in. You would love the little cottage. In
the back yard. The hemlocks are beautiful
Ludwell with woods. It's just off night.
Hope it will stay until you & Anne come up.
It is not cold until you to live go out
with us but if cold you would be more
comfortable at it than. It is as warm as
this. They are about twenty feet there more
the time I'll. I was surprised to have
about done. This don't she mean?
Where does she live? He an answer to
Rivers. Last evening I go and call the
to see out of like to her. They will be very of like

It surely has been good for her that she
enjoys studying, not working all these
years. She really loves it in June.
I think it is fine Caroline & Charles have a
New England home, we must hold on to
our great principles & our American way
of doing & thinking & not accept all the
foreign things! I love all our old furniture
and our homes with halls in parlors &
rooms on each side they have lived &
still are beautiful & with persons homes.
Like Aunt Maria's definition for friend
is "One you know all about & still love
them" I think is pretty good. A home
with a personal touch is fine. I have
never been Caroline but the girls like
her & think she is very capable. It is
fine I think & then halls as Charles
thinks she is just right, and wants her
with him all the time.

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Nothing is good for a man as to be proud
of his wife. The only way to a woman proud
of her husband. When they go hand in
hand, I do hope Madeline will have
little daughter & get along easy. Margaret
Winton had a son in place for little
daughter she & Mary Winton had a child
but I still there in his place of Margaret is
doing well & what is better than a pair
of boys nothing only a pair of girls
I do hope only come well & happy and
the mother is strong, all is well with me
for they be boys a girls Madeline
with Margaret Nancy was fine in
Pink on Christmas Day and she thought
"Bell of the Bell." These be letters!
11-5907

Many thanks for your good telegram to me &
Many wishes of all your good friends and the
trouble you went to. The good dinner &
decorations of the party table & music. a
good sized fruit & wine. I hope you
I. How are you of the Alaska oil business.
Where do you go South? With love and
best wishes to you all for 1928 and
come more for your self.

Sincerely,

The same Love.

Remember Al Young he died last week.
Son of the young Whitcomb minister

Abson Okla.
Jan. 20, 23

Dear Miss

Well we have we on the go since we
left you. but before last we spent here in Abson
last week in Vroates, and this week with ^{Wittos} ~~Wittos~~
with her sister in Orville, and I will be in and
out of ~~Abson~~. I thought I would go up to
Chautauque of Saturday Feb. 3, and see you
and Cora. but Margret tells me that ~~you~~ all
are coming down here right after the meeting,
so I will not go up. We leave Orville Feb. 7,
for Calif. and will get things fixed for you and
Thomas if he comes also. We will look for
you the first of July, and I hope you all can
come. We are all well, and Catta Wittos joins me
and thanking you again for the beautiful ~~news~~
you gave us, also the good times.

Catta and Wittos are both well, and send
this ~~love~~ to you. With much love to you and all.
Yours truly,
Jocoris

MR. IRA M. MILLER
41 SCOTT AVE.
CHAUTAQUA, N. Y.

Feb 26-23

Dear Miss :-

How very kind
recollections of Valentine
by me and Sherten
to thank you for same.
It surely came in fine.
Elizabeth was sitting
and the flower just top
of the little house just
right.

Mr. Scherab is looking
well after the Miller Gibson
Cottage and I think you
11-5983

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Will find affairs to your
liking all right or when
you come back to Cham-
tanova - You must in-
sist on Mr. Edson coming
this summer - He ^{can} find a
little hiding place in the
back yard and comfort
will come to him in
perfect bliss - Surely you
have made a fine place
in all it is something
unusual and the family
are much indebted to you
in saving the old cottage
as you have. I surely
want to express my thanks
to you any way for it

3
Cora went to Lakeside
Hospital again last
week for little special
treatment - He could not
just keep her perfectly
sugar free and Dr. Winter
that he would like to
treat her there for a while
He will come back to
Chautauque about March 1st
She surely improved much
up here and with a steady
game now she will soon
be like herself again and
though much loved to her this may
be a bit of us keeping house
here at Chautauque and all
your love - And you are all
here - Love to all from Grand
Mama - Affectionately - M. H.

Hargreaves Bros.

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RED PASS P. O.
BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

Sept. 1, 1923.

Dearest Mother,

It probably seems a long time since my last letter, but I can't seem to write on the train & I've been on the go nearly every minute for quite some time. When I do get into a place I might see very much as we did at Niagara Falls. However, you should have received a telegram from me every 3 or 4 days & sometimes oftener. The Canadian telegraph companies don't seem to be much good & I am never sure that they deliver their messages. I have received no word from you since your letter at Seattle.

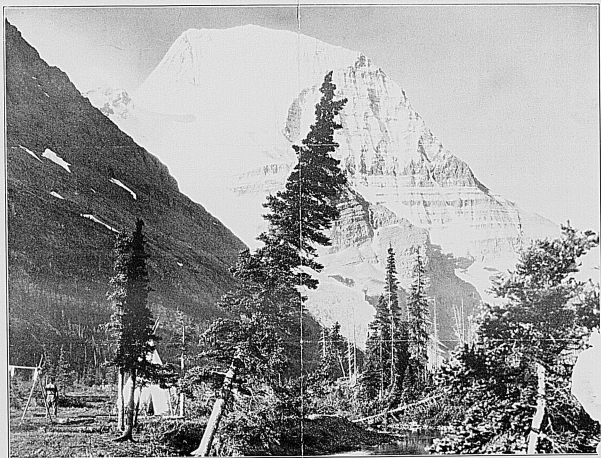
Robinson came through on time & I met him at Jasper Park Sept. 2nd. We left at once for Mt. Robson & spent the night at the camp just below the station (about 1/2 mile). On Sept. 3rd we left camp & made about 15 miles on the trail to another camp at ~~the~~ Berg Lake. We passed through "The Valley of a Thousand Falls" and saw Emperor Falls on ~~the~~ way. The scenery is wonderful!!

Mt. Robson is a really big mountain. The view on the back of this sheet gives but a very slight idea of what we see just outside the cabin.

To-day we leave for a five day's trip to Colonel Pass, - which is supposed to be the finest in the Canadian Rockies. If it's better than what we've seen, it must be OK!!!



They are big mountains all around the lake.



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June 14, 1926.

And Miss darling:-

Mother tells me that you have
never heard from me about receiving the
bond. I don't understand it. I wrote you
while you were Smith and the only
explanation I can possibly think of
is that the postal department must
have gotten my letter confused with
some real estate circulars and lost
it.

Yes, the bond reached me safely
and I got even more of a thrill when
I had it in my hand than when I
first heard I was going to get it.
Up to the time I actually received it
I kept thinking it was too good to

be true and that I'd surely wake up
and find I'd been dreaming. But it
was true and I have the book safely
in my possession. I can't begin to tell
you how I appreciate it and how
nervously I think it over of you to give
it to me. Really I just can't get over
it - it was such a lovely, lovely thing
to do. Thank you again a million times
and please forgive me for your not
having heard from me - you see, it
wasn't really my ~~fault~~.

Aren't I a long way from home?
He dies and here I am and I've been
having a fine time. The Matthews have
been truly and their friends have
been unbelievably generous in financing

their cars and helping me to like³
Chicago. I am thinking of staying out
here but have so far found no
position that would warrant my doing
so, so it's hard to tell just what
I am going to do. I'd be pretty far
away from the family if I stay but
I expect you can all get along with-
out me.

I see you have been entertaining
royalty. From all the newspaper remarks
I gather that the prince must be a
very fine man. I know Mr. Matthews
was most enthusiastic about him when
he met him last summer.

And now good by. I have to take good
care of my precious mother & sister
and also take good care of yourself!

I do hope you don't still feel that
I don't love you because you must know
that I do. It's merely that I am
probably less demonstrative than the
rest of the family.

Loves of love,
Percy.

COTTA VILLA
GLENORA
CALIFORNIA

Mar. 14/27

Dear Miss

Well, I have started to write
a letter ^{to you} ~~from~~ for the last ~~two~~ weeks or
more, but some how just don't
get at it. We just received a letter from
you written Mar. 6, and are glad to
hear that you and Thomas are both
well. Mary quit me your letter that
you wrote about Thomas Birth day.
Some time you gave him. I wish
we could have been with you on

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COTTA VILLA
GLENORA
CALIFORNIA

that day. It must of been beautiful.
We thought of you on your wedding
day, and expected to telegraph
you, but both Milton & I had
colds and in bed, and with the
hard rain we did not get to
the office. The storm did us
some damage, but two or three
hundred dollars will put the
place back again, in fact I have
it most back now. The hard
part of the damage is our range
gone

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crop. I can't tell yet what damage
 it has done to that. We pick
 our orange next Sunday, what
 is left of them. If it had not
 been for the rain, we would have
 had the best crop we have ever
 had. The storm or rain has
 taken about half of them.

I think the money loss will be
 about two thousand dollars.

We are not getting any thing ^{for}
 lemons just now, but we might get

(H)

COTTA VILLA
GLENDORA
CALIFORNIA

Some thing and summer.
The storm done a lot of damage
all over Calif. but not as much
as it did good, for we needed the
rain. Think, your picture sent me
three pictures of the young man
that want to get on the Kellogg
ranch, but also not giving his name
or address where Mr. Kellogg can
reach him by letter. Can you send
me his name and address.

I don't know if he can get a place
over.

11-6004

or not, but I will do the best I can.
Yes, we received the photograph
of Thomas before he left Abson. I
think I told you, about receiving it
in one of my other letters.

We are expecting Mary and Will
in another week or two days.
Then if you and Thomas would
only come this way around
home, I would be happy.

We are not any of us sick now, and
I hope you, or the rest of the family
is getting much better. I'll therefore be
going home, and come out here this
summer to well take good care of home.
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I can't get over looking at the dishes
you gave us Christmas. In a few days
Cotta will expect to give a lunch
to some of our Chicago friends so will
see them the next time when Mary
& Nell comes we will see them quite often.
Well, keep well, and am so glad that
Thomas A. is so well.

Cotta & Milton both send
their love to you and Uncle Thomas.

Love
Loris

MRS. ROBERT A. MILLER
646 WYNDHURD RD.
PELHAM HANCOCK, N. Y.

Aug. 13/57-

Merin Darling -

I have just had the wonderful
account of your great day yesterday. It was
most inspiring - and if I had possessed a
plane - I would have accepted your lovely in-
vitation & flown over - I'm so glad Mr. Edison
can have the joy of seeing & knowing how
the world here and admirers like - Rachel
and she heard Charles speak over the radio -
and at her Uncle Leo's - and he was fine - and she
thoroughly enjoyed it. Don't that wonderful?

Certainly we live in a great age - I am
so proud that Charles can take his Father's
place in this way - It adds me more laurels
to the wreath. I think too it is well perhaps
you left when we did, because from the Smith
Prop. letters there seemed to be terminal. Today
is the day to settle it all - and I feel quite sure
it will come out all right - I thought that night
at the B. & T. Banguit, we were like one big

happy family - And of course when anything
succeeds there will always be discussion -
I am so glad you wrote to Lindberg -
Lewis wrote when I had written them of "The
First Night" - "I do think Aunt Maria gives
more pleasure with her money than any
one I know" - But this to Lindberg means
more than money - My little family be-
gins to turn in to me - Robert Jr. and
Rachel come - Then Junior leaves Tuesday for
Edith & the boys - Rachel and Edith & the boys
at The Rainbow Wednesday - and she says they
are lovely - Junior will bring them back next
week & they will stay until Rachel sails
Sept 1st - And just where Lewis & Helen are
coming has not yet been settled - but I imagine
somewhere this week - Margaret & Henry are
leaving for home on Monday and they are
going to her husband's with us Monday noon
How I wish you could come over - Out you?
I suppose Macky is still at Battle-creek - He
will hear all about you & Hal from Junior
Lots of love to you & your darling
Lewis

GATE O' THE ISLES
WINTER PARK
FLORIDA Feb. 22, '28.

Dear Mrs. Edison: We should love to
welcome you and your happy
family, promising young husband
to our home for a visit before
you go north again. Nothing
could give us a greater pride
and joy. We are a bit apart
from the town and you would
have a restful quiet time and
a cozy house and fireside to
yourself and we would show
you the beautiful lake country
if your car is not with you
we will send ours to Fort
Myers to bring you here. Do
be brave and let us ^{show you} the good
feeling in our hearts for you

and for Mr Edison.

you would have heard from
us before now but I have
just returned from N.Y. whither
I was summoned by the
sudden passing of an old
friend. With all hearty good
wishes to both of you I am
sincerely yours

~~Spring Street~~

Altho' me to record all
my good friends has
effused and trust you will
find it in your hearts to come
to Winter Park, Colorado
May 5th 1888

COTTA VILLA
GLENORA
CALIFORNIA

Sunday P.M.

Dear Mina: -

Did enjoy getting your letter
for we had commenced to think
something was wrong as we had
heard nothing since the first of
~~December~~ and you don't usually
neglect us so long - but we know
you have been awfully busy.
Thanks also for the darling little
beet buttonhole. Mary enjoyed
her also.

We feel awfully lonesome around
here as Mary & Will left us Friday
11-5-75

P.M. - we hated to have them
go - Will seemed very well and
Mary was fine - so all were happy.
Sat. Eve. Mary & Luvie drove to
Barstow to hunt up an old school
friend of Marys - Abbie Waterman
and Will went into Los Angeles - I
stayed home and who surprised
me in the P.M. but Edward and
wife - They came out thru the
Pahrump Canal and brought their
Lincoln Car - they look fine.
Edward was anxious to see how
we lived - he says he wants to

live out west some place but his
Betty is afraid of getting homesick.
Poor fellow - I was glad I was alone
for I could have them in and
enjoy them and all night not
have been so pleasant if the whole
family had been home.

The whole family seem to have
Lindbergh now but us - well, we
would be happy with a "baby me"
the fact - if we could only get me
but they can't deliver them yet
tell me fact he might send us
me - it says to adventure - Na'hu.
11-5975

4.
For when the Millers drove a Marmon
three other families around here got
me. See? As am sure it would
be the way with a Ford.

Our Japs - I have a picnic today -
The Japanese Consul and wife were
anxious to see an Orange ranch
so some of their friends phoned me
to see if they could come out
today - They seem very nice -
The Japanese like our place as they
always say it is "artistic like Japan
it has so many curves - no
straight lines." - Quite a compliment.
Yes? No?

5.
we heard a very splendid sermon
this morning - and had a most
interesting service to new members.
We are very happy with this minister
if we can only keep him. - but
he is a big man and they usually
take them away from us.

Milton has been very well - am
afraid he is going to have to wear
glasses which makes me all sick
but will have another test Tuesday.
to be sure.

This is vacation
week so don't know what we will
do - may go to the beach for a few
// - 5725 -

days if all goes well
Hope you feel more rested. You
are always so busy & have so much
to do.

Much love to you and Thomas
from all here - Lovingly Cotts

Seminole Lodge.
April 23. 1928.

My darling John, You should have had a letter ages ago but time down here just flies away for some reason. I wish you were here to help me with my rock garden. It is right at the entrance of the pier and I am getting the sea wall filled in also making a pool in that awful dump heap at the left of the pier as you come in. I would not be so bad but one simply has to make every now for those men. It gets one ones nerves - I just sit down there in the heat and wait every now they make by five o'clock I am exhausted then Dr. Rain will want a ride come in for supper read the newspaper then movie, by the time I get in at eleven

6'clock after being up from six on I simply fall into bed and not always to sleep but at least resting. You will forgive me, I know. There are many curious people too who come to see what's going on and that takes time and uses one up. It is hot too as this morning I fell quite dizzy - It will rain soon and be all right again.

I am tremendously interested in the work but it is getting long drawn out in the heat and I am afraid that I will get so black that it will never come off. The garage and store room are about finished which has required a great amount of attention as they don't strike anything. I stand out there and plan this and that where they just lose space. It is strange they can't see things that are so evident.

I am trying to get every thing in shape in case Louise does come

down but I am afraid the heat will be too much for her, she has already had so much of the tropics. Of course it cools at night and there is a fine breeze but once in awhile there is an oppressive war that gets one. I hope that I am not going to feel it too much. If I had not this work to finish I would not, I am sure.

Deane is fine and getting good results with his rubber. It is certainly a busy place and I fear will get busier but everything is going across the road excepting Deane's room which I shall insist upon having as it is. I am sure he would feel absolutely at sea without it. After all these years I think it would have a bad effect.

Letting this go will suit again. I sincerely hope our lane will look in shape this summer. Thanks for your efforts + interest. Love to all -
Lorin - Min

Charles

Need not return

~~Post #5~~

~~Cybernet~~

~~F-9118~~

Miss Lewis Miller (Europe) August 29, 1928.

Dear Miss dear:-

I know you'll excuse the paper because it's all I've got and I want to write you just a little note to show you we are thinking of you and are both well.

As you may have heard from Mother we are spending our short two weeks vacation at a little place in northern Wisconsin, called Ephraim.

It is on the peninsula which projects into Lake Michigan and faces Green Bay, Ephraim being on the Bay side. The town itself is quite small and consists principally of hotels, one of which is our present home. We do not sleep in the hotel proper as we happen to have a little one-room cottage at the rear, which makes it all much nicer. The country here is really beautiful. I

had always heard it was just like Maine
but certainly this section isn't. I guess I
think it is far earlier than Maine but
it lacks the ruggedness of the Eastern State.
However, we've been having a fine time walking,
swimming and exploring the country in
the car.

We are both feeling fine and only wish
our vacation were to be longer. Gladly think
Helen's operation was a good thing as she
seems to be infinitely stronger than she
has been in years and I hope this little
vacation will help things along.

As you can guess, we are looking forward
to seeing Mother & Rachel in Chicago next
week. (We leave here Saturday). Why don't
you come out & see us too. We'd love that.
Now I'm afraid we have to stop as I feel terribly
tired. We try to write again from loads of love
to you Aunt Mima darling. I hope you & Mother
Thomas and all your family are well and
enjoying life to the full. Helen says to send
the love from
Ruth, Helen

September 19, 1928.

it because she is so far away that she is beyond our control. My greatest wish would be that both of them would take the most best route, but I know they won't. Certainly I hope the house and ship have not been seriously injured. Precious Mother has been so wonderful in the way she has pulled along that I hate terribly to see either her or Rachel get any setbacks. Unfortunately, though, we have no control over such matters.

I see that you have been laboring with the Horrors. Fine! I hope you installed him with the spirit of success. From all I have read or heard of him he is a great man and deserves to win the Presidency with a large majority. I'm afraid though that Smith has a good many admirers too.

We are both very well and managing to enjoy life in our quiet way. Had a fine vacation, though I think we both missed going last. At present we are staying on ~~at~~ ^{at} 3255

Dear Miss Darling:-

Many thanks for your telegrams about Mother. I wired you in the first place because I thought you might possibly have heard and I thought it would be rather foolish for all of us to be cabling to Porto Rico.

I feel pretty certain that the boat had gotten through all right but actually wanted confirmation of the fact. Many, many thanks for telegraphing.

I must say I hate to think of Mother and Rachel down there in all of that dust and rain. Poor Mother and though it once before as you remember and once was enough with me to be having to duplicate it now. All I hope is that all around sends just of course it is almost useless worrying about

Mathews house until Mrs. Mathews returns³
from Maine, which we expect will be next
week.

Now I must leave you and dash off a note
to Robert. I hope you and Mabel Thomas and
all your family are well. Please give them
all my love. Love, & love of love to you.

Admiringly,
Lewis.

I'll write again soon at greater length.

NEW ENGLAND SOCIETY OF ORANGE
22 HILLYER STREET
ORANGE, N. J.

Bag

*Medoff
Thank*

September 27, 1928. *6*

Mr. Thomas A. Edison,
Llewellyn Park,
West Orange, N. J.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that the enclosed resolution was adopted at the regular meeting of the NEW ENGLAND SOCIETY OF ORANGE, held September 24, and is sent to you at the direction of the Society.

Horace J. Loas

Secretary

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THOMAS A. EDISON

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[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

NEW ENGLAND SOCIETY OF ORANGE
22 HILLYER STREET
ORANGE, N. J.

A RESOLUTION

ADOPTED BY THE NEW ENGLAND SOCIETY OF ORANGE

SEPTEMBER 24, 1928.

WHEREAS: When the praise of a great man is on the common tongue, it would be barbarous to seem ignorant of his fame; and especially niggardly in his neighbors to withhold their need when the wise and the great from afar render tribute; and

WHEREAS: It is over two score years since the Wizard of Menlo Park became the Sage of Orange, and exactly two score years since he united with the New England Society of Orange, being now the ninth oldest living member of this Society; and

WHEREAS: On the 21st day of October, 1928, crafts and industries, communities and corporations, common folk and civilized society, - all beneficiaries of the invention of the electric incandescent light, - will join, on its 49th anniversary, in honoring its inventor;

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the NEW ENGLAND SOCIETY OF ORANGE

THAT its officers and members unite to felicitate THOMAS ALVA EDISON, their fellow-member, on this anniversary;

THAT they rejoice in his crowded honors, among which they ask a place for their own acclaim;

THAT they express their hope for the continuance of his zest of life and vigor of health; and

THAT they declare that he has not only lighted the civilized world, but he has also illuminated and adorned his own community.

Howard Lawry
President

Horner J. Goas
Secretary

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

October 3, 1928.

Mr. Horace Z. Goas, Secretary,
New England Society of Orange,
22 Hillier Street,
Orange, N.J.

My dear Mr. Goas:

Allow me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 27, and to thank you for transmitting therewith a copy of the resolutions adopted at the regular meeting of the New England Society of Orange, held September 24.

Will you kindly express to the Society my gratification in being so highly honored by its resolutions, and also my sincere appreciation of its kind remembrance of the anniversary of the birth of the incandescent lamp.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Thos. A. Edison.

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

My dear Mrs Edison:

Would you not like
to have this correspondence?

Sincerely,

W. H. Ladd

Special letter

7207 MERRILL AVENUE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

October 21, 1928.

Dear Miss Darling:-

This is just to be a little note to congratulate you and, through you, Uncle Thomas on the new honor which has been conferred on him. It is superfluous for me to say that he deserves it above all men in this country to day. I am surprised the government hasn't sooner awakened to some action of this kind.

Also I wish to thank you for both of us for including us on the list to receive invitations to the Radio Program. It would have had to be there but unfortunately was a bit far away to be able to accept such early invitations.

We have no radio of our own but listened to the program over at Mrs. Cair's who is Robert Nathan's mother-in-law. Usually her speaking style beautifully but of course it had to close out

right to "act up". However we heard practically every
thing and towards the end of the program I heard
it working fairly well. I thought Muel's Thomas'
voice was remarkably clear & distinct.

That reminds me that Mrs. Cice heard you
on the radio the other night and she thought
your voice was lovely. We didn't know you were
going to speak or we would have tried to get
her a radio to hear you.

We are both very well and managing to get
a certain amount of pleasure out of life. I
certainly love you and Muel's Thomas are well
and that you aren't overdoing and getting your-
self all tired out. You have always had too
strong a tendency to sacrifice yourself for others
so I must tell you as I keep telling Mother and
Luchel - to - please, please take care of yourself.

Mother's letters are somewhat reasoning whether
as she and Luchel are concerned. However, I have
long since learned to disregard Mother's opinions.
I have never known anyone who could put up

7207 McBRILL AVENUE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

so bold a front in the face of adversity, as that precious Mother of Mine. No matter how she feels, no matter how things seem to be going against her, she always seems to be able to keep smiling. I really think, though, that considering the general state of affairs on the island, they are fairly comfortable and you may know I am glad to be able to think so.

Give my love to all the family but particularly I send my love to you accompanied by my deepest thanks for your mother's kindness and generosity to Mother and Rachel. You are a sweet darling.

Admirably,
Lewis.

West Orange. 29 October 1928.

Dear Mr. Thomas A. Edison!

Please take time to read this! Please advise me how to do. I am the Swedish-girl, that Mrs. Thomas A. Edison helped over from Sweden. Mrs. Th. A. E. send me a thicket, and I was to pay it little every month, untill it is paid. I came to your house the 19th of June, and having 65 dollar a month, Mrs. Th. A. E. take 15,

so it is 60 dollar, I have paid on the thicket. But Mrs. Th. A. Edison will not give me the 50 for this month. And besides that she has thrown me out of the house, Glenwood, for no reason. I have done my work right and faithfull, but Mrs. Thomas A. Edison, refuses to give me any referens. I have witness on what I say. I have no home and no money and no place to earn my living, a family is so kind as to let me stay with them, while I am hunting for work to make my living, but I have no money to pay my board with. Please remember that you both have been poor yourself, and how would you have liked to be treated like your wife do me. Would you please send word, or a letter, down to the Swedish Baptist Church. 55 Roseville Ave. Newark, N. J. to me and let me know if you wold do right to me, I have done right to yours. Respectfully yours, Olymna Bjorkander.

JOHN V. MILLER
3 GLENBIDE ROAD
SOUTH ORANGE, N. J.

My darling Sister Minnie,

Well our good old pal - "Dose"
has left us and we are all very very
sad, as we were very fond of him
and he was such a demonstration
individual. We do not know
what happened to him - he might
have been poisoned, or hit with an
auto & hurt internally or was sick
& died of heart trouble. He seemed
to be OK when I left in the
morning and went to school with
Steve and bid at 10:30 Anne called
me and said Dose was at the
foot of the steps dead. We got
Dr. Smith but of course he could
do nothing. We buried him
in Dr. Smiths Cemetery Sat-
urday morning. It is certainly
quite different around here
now.

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JOHN V. MILLER
3 GLENBIDE ROAD
SOUTH BRANDE, N. J.

You surely must have one busy
life down here from the fun
letters people are receiving. Well
I am glad if the business is due
to pleasures. Hope you are hav-
ing one grand time. Up here
we are having poor matches, and
Mon. Had one grand snow
storm & quite a little snow
is still left but it won't pretty
long yesterday & today.

Tomorrow we go to the
Edison Birthday Luncheon.
Have been trying to persuade
Theo & Ann to go but they are
hopeless. Madeline, Theresa,
Carolyne, Edith, Charles & my-
self are going. Paul says he
feels too poorly to chance it.
Write a number from the Works
are to be there.

Here at Church this morning.
Mr. Prince & Edith were there.
Here at Church Monday night
for official board, Wednesday
night for Grace House as Ho-
rence & I were hosts, Thursday
night at the parsonage for
Grace House & then Saturday
night again at the Church
for an occluded rehearsal.
Mr. Brown has the parsonage
beautifully fixed up.

Give my love to all and keep
a big bunch for yourself—
Write when you can—love to
hear from you as you know
I miss you terribly.

affectionately

John.

Feb. 10th

Nice
Hello !!

Dear Aunt Mine,

Your wonderful
crate of oranges has just now
come. They are in excellent
condition, and I have opened
the box enough to get out
2 to sample, and they are
the juiciest and sweetest
imaginable. Thank you very
very much. We shall
think of you each morning
as we drink our bountiful

2.

glasses of orange juice.
Perhaps for the first time
in my life I shall now
actually have all the orange
juice I can drink - some-
thing I have always
dreamed of.

Lewis is staying
downtown this evening for
a Yale banquet and I
hope he will have a good
time seeing old classmates.
Did you hear about his

trip to New Mexico? He
was gone eleven (long!)
days, saw a lot of interes-
ting country and had
a change that was
almost as good as a
vacation. Every evening
since his return he has
been writing up his
report, which he finally
completed last night and
which is a masterpiece
I assure you. I would

like to have it privately
 printed and sent to all
 our relatives! But as it
 is mostly financial
 statistics I fear they
 might not care to read it.

I hope you are both
 well, and that Florida is
 behaving nicely as to its
 weather. We have one
 snow-storm after another,
 but are hoping March will
 bring some improvement.
 With a great deal of love and
 deepest appreciation for your gift.

7207 MERRILL AVENUE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

March 8, 1929.

Darling Aunt Mima:-

Just a few lines to enquire after your health and to thank you a thousand times for the lovely box of oranges. We certainly have enjoyed that gift. About every evening we have had orange juice as a sort of night-cap and, of course, every morning for breakfast. You see a darling to think of us and send them and we thank both you and Uncle Thomas very many times.

How goes the life in Florida? Do doubt you are enjoying it more now that you are freed from the entertainment of some of the celebrities - a society which still appears and requires attention? I certainly

Hope both you and Uncle Thomas are getting a much needed rest and that you are both feeling fine. I don't know just who (Pam) of the family are down there. I have a vague idea Aunt Mary and

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Miriam has gone down, but my news from the East² is most meagre. My removal to Chicago has indeed seemed to cut off practically all contact with the family. I do hear indirectly through Mother of a little that happens - but virtually nothing direct. Ah, well! So it goes.

We are both in excellent health. Helen has a little under the weather around the first of the year, touch of "flu" but all is well now. They even had me in bed for a couple of days but it was under protest so you can easily judge I wasn't very sick. It's been a hard winter up here though and you have done well to be out of it.

I got rid of it myself for a little while.

I went down to New Mexico for about ten days on business for the Bank and had a most interesting trip. Saw a good bit of New Mexico - more particularly around Albuquerque - motored down to El Paso, Texas and came home by way of Colorado Springs and Denver. It was all awfully new country, the way and

for sometime yet. At any rate they both seem to
be well and that is something.

I wonder if you can get the "Chrono" we
sent you at Christmas time. I hope so because
it seemed to be one thing we could send which
you couldn't get otherwise. It may be gone
away though.

Please give my love to any and all of the
family who may be with you and congratulate
Uncle Thomas from us on having passed another
milestone. This may seem a little late for that but
I was in New Mexico on his birthday. Aunt Ida
(Mrs. Holt) was so thrilled by his thanks on the radio
for the message sent her.

Love of her Aunt Minnie's going to you and
Uncle Thomas and again many thanks for the message.

Admiringly,
Doris

Some days he seems well and quite able to do things, but it is uncertain. His routine is like this: breakfast in his room - comes down stairs about noon - walks about the yard a little - sits out in the sunshine - and takes short-rides on pleasant days - reads constantly. A nurse comes twice a week to care for him, with things which I cannot do. To-day he is eighty-seven years old.

Mina, I am hoping something is calling you to Ohio before you go home and that you will come and break bread with us. And see many of the Miller family, both real and in-laws as could come with you. If I knew the day before, there could not be too many.

We enjoyed Mary's little flying call and hope to see her again. Uncle Levi would love to see you all. I often think of my delightful visit at your home.

We are glad to hear that Madeline is

1500 Clarence Avenue
Cleveland O
July twenty-second 1929

My dear Mina

We would have been very happy to have been with you all at Chautauque on July twenty-fourth, when you meet to honor the memory of your father who, I think, was one of the greatest educators of the generation. His influence was, and is so wide spread that no college professor has ever surpassed him, for his ideals and his personality have inspired, and will continue to inspire thousands of people to read good books, and strive for the better things in life. I hope every member of the family can be there.

We greatly appreciate your invitation and your telegram (to which we replied) but we all thought it would be too great a visit for your Uncle Levi to attempt to make the trip. We let him decide it however.

improving - we were anxious about her. Hope that Mr Edison
is very well and that he has many years ahead of him,
and for you dear Nina I am wishing much happiness
and good health. Again thanking you and thinking
of you all, and hoping to see you, I am yours affectionately

All kind. Love, and good wishes. Aunt Harriet

Wade

L. E. MILLER
100 GARFIELD AVENUE
LAKWOOD, OHIO

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August 14th 1929-

My dear Mina:

My first letter of this month will be to you. Please excuse me for writing with a pencil. It is my usual way now. It is easier and more convenient for me to do so - Then there will not be any blotches or ink stains on my fingers. We still regret that we could not accept your kind invitation to come to Lakewood to attend the celebration of your Father's birthday - as a token of the Lakewood people's respect. He should indeed have heard your address - especially - and the others - during the week of entertainments. We also would have been very glad to have seen all the members of the family - present - and a visit with them - you without Mr. Union College - is going to erect a tablet at your Father's birth place near present one - in honor of your Father - as a former actor of the college - some of us hope to be present when that is done. Maria and I had birthday anniversary date last week - I was 87 and she was 78 - old July 22nd and she July 26th - you notice the dates of the years are the same only reversed. I had not noticed this before.

We wish you and Mr Edison would stop to see us when next this way - Ira and all his family - Louie and his Boy - Ed and Wife - also Mary - on her way home from Battle Creek - have been to see us - We would be very glad to see you and Mr Edison - here - Marcia and I and Levi - Linda and their Two Boys - John and Richard - all live together - John will be 5 - the 15th of August - and Richard will be 4 - the 17th of September - I and Marcia were married September 30th - our son John was married Sept 2nd - to Frances Leonard - so you may remember - They have two children - both girls - Levi and Linda have two boys - so Marcia and I have 7 our grand children - 4 pair of each sex - and we are happy - If you should come to see us remember that Lakeland is a part of greater Lakeland on the West Side - but has its own City organization with a little more more than 40 thousand population - It lies along the Lake on the Lake on the North, runs between on the East and South, Rocky River on the West - It is a City of Homes - Schools and Churches - one of the M. E. dist. Churches has a membership of nearly 1000 - we do not belong there but to one near us with about 800 members - will close now - Love from all of us to all of you -
uncle Levi

the house I remember - that was
a large square white house across
the street from the observatory.

I was very often in your father's
home when you were a boy of
seventeen and carried me all your
back. Then I knew you every
one called you Al Coburn.

I remember your sister, Mrs.
Page, who lived in Milan, O. She
was very beautiful.

My uncle, Sam Bailey, married
your sister Jan and my uncle
Clark Bailey and your brother
Pitt married sister. I remember
when you were on the train between
P't. Huron and Detroit.

I have very fine photographs of
your mother and father - he was
over six feet tall and as straight as

an arrow - a wonderful man.
Your mother is wearing in this
photograph a watch and chain that
I remember distinctly or presume
you will. The picture in your
mother's home was the first one I
ever saw - rare then.

If you would like these photos
I should be very glad to send them
to you by registered mail so
they will go safely.

I am recovering from a broken
leg - now it is not so that I should
have gone to Dearborn for the
jubilee. I hope sometime I may
have the opportunity of meeting you.
I lost my husband twenty-two
years and have one son.

With all good wishes, I am
Yours sincerely,
(Bertie E. K. Edwards) Cora Heald DeLano.

Handwritten signature: Thomas A. ...

December 4, 1929.

Mrs. Harvie Redditt,
Chairman, Executive Committee,
New Orleans Woman's Club,
New Orleans, La.

Dear Mrs. Redditt:

I deeply appreciate
the tribute which you and the members
of the New Orleans Woman's Club have
paid me in your paper entitled "The
Woman Behind the Wizard," and feel
honored by your gracious courtesy.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. Thomas A.)

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

R E S O L U T I O N

RESOLVED, by the members of the NEW ORLEANS WOMAN'S CLUB, That, in paying tribute to the World Famous Inventor, THOMAS ALVA EDISON for his many wonderful inventions, and particularly for his greatest gift to the people, the Incandescent Light, the Golden Anniversary of which has just been fittingly celebrated throughout the World, some tribute should also be paid to Mrs. Edison who, through her brilliance and tact has contributed much to the success and health of her wonderful husband.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this resolution be sent to MRS. THOMAS ALVA EDISON as an expression of the admiration in which she is held by the members of this Club.

Respectfully submitted

Mrs. Harvie Redditt
Chairman, Executive Committee.

Adopted November 4th, 1929

New Orleans Woman's Club, New Orleans, La.

Mrs. Richard L. Taylor
President

*File Specials and note
with appropriate*

[ATTACHMENT/ENCLOSURE]

"THE WOMAN BEHIND THE WIZARD"

Thomas Alva Edison

Given by

Mrs. Hardie Redditt,
New Orleans Woman's Club,
New Orleans, La.
October 21st, 1929

Today and for several days past practically the whole world has been paying tribute to THOMAS ALVA EDISON, the inventor of the incandescent light and many other electrical inventions. It is rare, if it has ever happened before, that such tribute is paid to a man during his life time; it is after death that flowers are sent and monuments erected; - what a source of joy and pride then must be this Golden Light Jubilee to the family of Thomas Edison.

When the New Orleans Woman's Club was asked to share in this celebration, this body of women voted to bring into the "Golden Light" - "The Woman Behind the Wizard".

It is said that in the life of every successful man, if one looks, one will always find the influence of a good woman, it is either mother, wife, sister or sweetheart - but it is always the woman at the switch of the current that regulates the life of the man.

Now the life of Thomas Alva Edison, the great genius and benefactor of mankind has been influenced by noble women; - first, his mother who adored him and even in his early youth recognized unusual talent in this son and encouraged him in every way possible, even permitting him to have a self manufactured printing press and getting out a newspaper at the age of twelve years, of course this paper was a tiny sheet filled with boyish news. At that time a neighbor said to Mrs. Edison "how you can let that boy Tom have such litter about the place" and the mother replied "never mind about that, the world will hear of that boy some day" and who can doubt but the Faith of that mother has been an influence in the life of that son? Then his happy marriage in the year 1873 to Miss Mary E. Stillwell, her influence was gentle and elevating as his mother's had been and her task was no easy one

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For at that time Thomas Edison's views of domestic comfort were, to say the least uncommon - "I wish I may never eat the same thing twice in a month" he said when his wife began housekeeping, then on another occasion "variety is the secret of wise eating" however, the young wife handled the situation and this man who was rapidly advancing to be the "World's Wizard," recognized as such today, but their union was a comparatively short one for eight years after their marriage, Edison had the great sorrow of losing by death his intelligent, sympathizing and beloved wife.

After a lapse of 16 years there came into the intimate life of Thomas Edison another lovely woman, on February 4, 1886 he was married in Akron, Ohio to Miss Mina Miller, who is described as being beautiful and brilliant and just as his life is consecrated to his experimentation, which he continues as faithfully today as he did a quarter of a century ago, so Mrs. Edison's life is consecrated to the work of her experimentation - the constant devising of new ways and means for the conservation of her remarkable and difficult husband difficult not from any disposition to give trouble, on the contrary Mrs. Edison testifies to a steady undercurrent of sweet "reasonableness" in her husband's character which would make him as easy to manage as a child were it not for the fact that he is ruled by his mind, which is ruled by his work.

Mrs. Edison is a real home maker and is active in civic and Woman's Club activities, she has served on hospital boards and is active in many church works; she is gifted with a sweet tranquil nature - her quiet reaches out to speak without words - she is described as a woman who has not moved, except to hold safe and quiet what she has always had. Her husband's work is entirely his, she has no will to penetrate with him into the far places of his thought. There was no necessity. Her's is the place of guardianship and of tranquility of thought which makes good living. Mrs. Edison inaugurated in Fort Meyers, Fla. where they live each year from January until June, the custom by which married woman with children, otherwise unable to get away from the house, are able to get out in the afternoons. Girls and young unmarried women with cars place themselves at the disposal of just such mothers for at least one afternoon a week of shopping or a ride on the beach. No home in the United States is more in the constant serenity of the public eye, than that of Edison's, yet, the

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intimate life of the family has not been sacrificed, owing
to the social genius of Mrs. Edison who meets every situation
perfectly - thus we see what a potent part has been the
"WOMAN BEHIND THE WIZARD"



of UNIVERSAL FLAG OF PEACE
JULIUS MYRON ALEXANDER
Founder

TELEPHONE ALAMEDA 371

Address all Communications to
J. T. EDWARDS, F. R. G. S.
512 SANTA CLARA AVENUE
ALAMEDA, CALIFORNIA

Healdsburg Cal

Dec. 10th 1929

Dear Cousin Mirai-

Yesterday I
received your most welcome Christmas
gift "The Life of Mr Edison" I am
reading it with all of interest His boyhood
life was sure a troublesome one. The
real human side of life that everybody
enjoys. I wanted to write of Luther Burbank
in that style but neglected it until too
late. I was a telegraph operator in my
youthful days in various parts of this state
so I know how to appreciate his
"wire" story. Again I thank you for
the splendid book.

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On the 21st of last August I was taken
to a local hospital and remained there until
November 14th. They gave me but a few
days of life, but I am still here now
at the hotel with a young fellow to care
for me. They said I had much trouble but
I did not know it. I think I am
gaining a little every day. Your brother
Lester's family visited briefly with me
on their way North and again he called on
me at the Hospital but I was not allowed
to talk so the visit was not as I would
have liked. I want to write you a longer
letter as soon as I can. I wish you all
a Merry Christmas, but I have mailed you
a card. Its nice warm Sunshine here today
forgive my long delay and this brief letter
With love from Your Cousin
Julius Myron Alexander
11-3963

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one is carefully gone
over and suggestions
have been catalogued
here and there so that
I have a pretty good
idea of how I want
it made, but no
specific pattern to
make it by. However,
mother has been able

Miss
Bliss

16 Gray Gardens East,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Aunt Mima:—
I have not yet made
up the material you
sent me from Florida,
but I like it immensely.
Every magazine and
pattern book that
I can get my hands

to get a dressmaker to help us out ³
early in July and she is supposed
to be clever about making
dresses from your own drawings.
I HOPE SO!

The lace collar has already
been used with a silk dress,
semi-sport, to make it more
afternoon-y. Ann saw it and
liked it very much.

Thank you ever and ever
so much for sending me
such nice things.

Art school ended the
first of June, but my job
at the Fogg continues
through the middle of
August. In the meantime

from June 30th to August 8th ⁵
and I have registered
there for the class in
life drawing with the
hope that I can
make enough good
drawings to satisfy
them that I know
enough to enter their
class in portrait

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there has been a great
deal to do here at
home, just why I don't
know, but we always
manage to have piles
of things we want to
make or do over or
something.

There is a summer
school at the museum
in Boston this year

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painting next winter.

Do you think you will be coming anywhere near Cambridge in the course of the next few months, because it would be such fun to have you here with us? I'm sure you remember the house we are living in even though you were ^{here} for such a short day. It is very restful and we are enjoying it as much as ever, mother has been digging in the garden and made cuttings of several different things.

Thank you again, Aunt
Mina, for remembering me.
Forwright, Olga.

June 21, 1930

GLENDALE OUTLOOK
STOCKBRIDGE
BERKSHIRE CO. MASS.

September 15, 1950

My Dear Mrs. Edison:

It was most good in you to remember my birthday especially in view of the many you have to think of within your own household circle and the numerous other friends of the Chief and yourself. The roses which seemed particularly the link of association with you since the eighty rose Birthday, reached us in beautiful shape from the local Florist to whom the order had been sent and the rose leaves as they drop are to fall into the rose jar which was started for a wedded relative who celebrated a birthday-wedding dinner with us, as her husband and she stopped over with us on their honeymoon. I send cordial thanks from Mrs. Bowker and myself and our best wishes for continuing happy and effective years for the Chief, still a year in advance of me on birthdays and his true helpmeet.

Mrs. Bowker had a nervous breakdown a year ago and was in rest cure for seven months, since when I have enjoyed her companionship at home, but she is not yet quite fully recovered because of a certain confusion of thought and speech as to matters of the present; the her mind and memory and judgment are sound and efficient which forms solid basis for com-

plete recovery later.

Truly yours

R. P. Quinn

December 29 1930

Dear Nina

The wonderful Penicilla plant
which you and Mr Edison sent
us for Christmas came on
Christmas eve - so brighten
the day with its beauty, and
warm our hearts by your
kind and loving thoughts.
I cannot express to you how
greatly we appreciated your
thought of us. We will
think of you all on Christmas
day, and wishing for you
love and happiness. I hope
Grace could be with you.
Has Madeline's little one

their Christmas greetings to
Cable -

Wishing for you all
good things for the coming
year and love from us all.

As ever Aunt Marcella.

assured - We have thought of
her very often - I suppose
you and Mr Edison will be
going South soon - I am
wishing for you and Mr Edison
many happy years to come.

Your Uncle Levi keeps very
well and comfortable but
is getting more and more
feeble in body - very difficult
to get about - but still is
able to go out riding which
helps. Junior often speaks
of his little visit with
Mr Edison - John and
his family are keeping well
and very busy - They send -

This should be the
 official letter
 to the Navy
 dated 12-1-1931
 ON BOARD
 YACHT LYNDONIA

Dear Mr. Edison:
 Our visit
 with Mr. Edison and
 you will be among
 the happiest memories
 of this Southern Cruise,
 and we feel deeply
 indebted to Mr. Firestone
 for making it possible
 for us to have that
 pleasure and privilege.
 It was delightful, too,
 to meet Mr. & Mrs. Nichols,
 and Mr. Curtis and I

sincerely hope our
paths may cross again.
Please make it possible
by paying us a visit
on the Lyndane in
March after our return
from Hawaii and the
West Coast.

Mr. Frestone will keep
us informed of your
plans, and will know our
accept the expression
of our kindest thoughts
and the assurance of
friendly regard and every
best sincere greetings to
Mr. Edison, also to
Mr. & Mrs. Nichols.
Yours very truly, Kate Nicoles

LEWIS A. MILLER
GOTTA VILLA
GLENORA
CALIFORNIA

Feb. 14/31

Dear Mina,

I want to thank you for the money you sent us. A letter from John yesterday tells me you expect a mortgage on the ranch for security. Now we will have to give you a second mortgage on the ranch.

I just wrote John explaining things.

- 1) Can't you take a trust deed on the strange property in Aborn for security?
- 2) As soon as the times will permit we will sell property in Aborn to pay our debts.

I don't want to make you too much trouble but must get the security some way.

This is a short letter. We are all well and hope you and all are the same.

A nice long letter from Mary from your place. Standing you a thousand thanks for the money and I hope to pay it back before long.

Love from us all to all.

Love
Lewis

EDWARD B. MILLER
737 FERNING PARK DRIVE
AKRON, OHIO

March 13-31

Dear Mica - I received your letter with a copy of Dr. W. C. McMaster's invitation to the Miller, ^{and} Salmon families to hold a reunion during their next Commencement, June 16th 1931 they are going to graduate one hundred students - I went down to Alliance ^{and} called on Dr. W. C. McMaster, ^{and} had a talk with him about their plans ^{and} ideas, He said with other things, Father, was President of the Board of Trustees from 1867 to 1899. That's two years, Father, was on the Board two years before that, making 34 years, through his influence has done his other helpers of the college, such as uncle Aultman, Uncle Jacob, ^{and} others, In 1870 he started the first Summer School in America, the "Miller Ball" was a gift of Father's, with Uncle Jacob, ^{and} Uncle Aultman, each giving \$25,000.00 Now the Chair of Physiology - is named after father, Mount Union College is used to having lots of people around on Commencement day, Dr. W. C. McMaster is a member of the Congress Labor Country Club. So they can accommodate all the relatives ^{and} friends you wish to invite as guests
over

of the college, (You would have to come
to Lebanon, at all, if you don't wish to.)
Dr. McMaster, however, is opposite the college
therefor it would make it very convenient
for you & Mr. Edison, Mr. & Mrs. Ford & Mr. & Mrs.
Frost Stone also if they wish, so
also Mrs. Morgan of Palestine & several other
prominent people are willing to open their homes
to the guests. Mary, knows Mrs. Morgan, as
she has been entertained there. It would be
fine for you to be there at Dr. McMaster, Monday
June 15th in the afternoon. Commencement
is Tuesday June 16th Now Mr. Edison, would not
have to be at all during, Dr. McMaster says
he can give Mr. Edison, good milk & all
that he requires in that way. Mr. McMaster said
the college could not give a degree to
Mr. Edison either Dr. of Science, or
Dr. of Law. What does Mr. Edison think
of that sort of thing? If there is any
special friend the family, wants to in-
vite to the occasion, Dr. McMaster, says, feel
free to do so. If you want, Dr. Baber,
to make an address on Lewis Milby
as an Educator, Dr. McMaster would be
glad to invite him. You, know ^{rather}
that Mount Union College in his heart, was
very much interested 34 years. and Mr.
Edison should be particularly delighted
as his children should be in showing our
interest. Dr. McMaster said
if would be a great impetus to the college
to have a visit of the children of Lewis Milby.

EDWARD B. MILLER
737 PERRINE PARK DRIVE
AKRON, OHIO

The zeppelin, being built by the Goodyear Co.
in Akron, for the U.S. Navy, is near
completion. It may be of interest to
Mr. Edison. You know it is the largest ship
in the world. The College will have
some of the Akron Blimp boys to help
entertain some of the guests.

Now Missa, I think we should try
to make this gathering a great success. You
know the problem of Mr. & Mrs. Edison. I'd
mean so much to the College. Of course
Mr. & Mrs. Ford and Mr. & Mrs. Bigelow, we must
them there, don't you think so. The thing to
do is to advertise Mount Union College all you can.
Keeping this letter will find you all
in good health. I will close.

Oh yes, I'll send a box of Candies
Belgian Truffles, Hand made Candies
Jacksonville, Fla.

Please accept our thanks for same.

It is, or was delicious - to make
I am afraid we are not going to make
Florida, this winter. Collections on the slow.
With oceans of love Sincerely
Edward B. Miller

1154 EAST 50th STREET
CHICAGO

July 28, 1931.

Dear Miss Dean:-

I just want you to know how terribly sorry I am to hear that Chuck Thomas is not feeling well. It must worry you terribly and it makes us all wish there was something we might do to help. I certainly hope it isn't anything very serious and that he will soon be feeling up to the mark again. It is difficult, of course, for anyone as naturally active as he, to feel that he has to restrict his activities and it must be a great comfort to him to have your soothing presence. I don't wonder he is sick if you have been having weather like mine. I don't remember a more disagreeable summer for heat, seemingly endless.

We have managed to have a pretty good tennis having spent the last two week-ends out in the country with an occasional game of tennis at other times. I've been pretty busy, at the

back up to the last week as affairs here has not
been very stable around here and we've been
kept on the jump covering the heavy financial
matter. In the present everything is quiet and
I'm hoping the week is over and that we'll
be able to get away for a little vacation in
September.

We are looking forward to a visit from
Mother next month and hope nothing will prevent
her coming. We had a glimpse of Maria Nicksel
a week or so ago and I hope to see Horace and
the children next week on their way home. We had
expected them to stay but, as you know, they changed
their plans. Unfortunately Helen won't be here next
week as she is going to Columbus for about a
week to be with her mother & help her take care of
our young Mother's dishes while his mother & father
have a brief vacation.

Now I would like you and try to get a note off to
Mother. I just wanted you to know we are thinking
of you and hoping that all is well. Let us hear
from you if you have time. Give our love to
the folks.

know if that makes sense but I did have²
a thought, whether I expressed it or not.

We manage to keep fairly busy here, I will
say work at the bank and Helen with the
Hope Club League of Women Voters. She is
publicity chairman and has been having a
great time preparing news stories and then
seeing that they get into the papers. It
is a worthy cause and should bear fruit in
a more highly educated electorate.

She occasionally we brush out into
such events as going to the movies or having
some one to dinner which things help to while
away an evening now and then. The overall
life, however, is not what anyone could call
" hectic " which suits me perfectly well. We
have enjoyed going to a series of lectures
during the past few or five weeks in which
we were told about internal conditions in
Europe. She tells her stayed was though and
as yet we haven't found anything to take
their place.

1154 EAST 56TH STREET
HYDE PARK STATION
CHICAGO

November 12, 1934.

Dear Miss Darling:-

My good intentions are finally materializing
in this little note. We have been on the verge of
writing you a number of times but something
has always come up to put off the accomplished
fact. It went as though there were a great
deal to write you about, but I did want
you to know you are in my thoughts a
great part of the time.

You are a darling to go on Mother off and
you are real assured she appreciated it. I hate
to leave her and Rachel way off in South Rio
and yet they seem to get a good deal of
pleasure out of their life there. Besides their
work keeps them busy and interested in things
which they probably wouldn't come in contact
with if they were to be any better. I don't

I do hope you are taking care of yourself³ and are getting a little rest after the ordeal you have been through. It's a perfect shame you should have any new worries thrust upon you. Please just try to remember us all. Can you say clearly and don't let the words or actions of any one or two people make you forget it.

Would you like a kitten to play with? We have a cat which has kittens at regular intervals, some of which die a natural death, some of which are helped along and some of which find homes elsewhere. Just at present there are two little balls of fur continually rolling around the apartment and Helen being exceptionally fond of all animals, I'm afraid it is going to be difficult getting rid of them. Their continual chatter behind me made me think of them. Nancy and Stuart had a great time with the kitten and one of the cabin products when they were not here

last summer.

This is rather a rambling sort of letter but I'm just writing as things happen to pop into my head. I wonder if I ever told you what Robert Matthews wrote me shortly after Hugh Thomas passed away? He wrote, "He was a magnificent figure; one of the few men for whom mankind should have discovered the elixir of eternal life." It struck me as being rather a fair thought and yet as all must live to God's will. Did you know that Father's last words, just before he left us, were "He's always right." That after all is what we must try to believe though it seems terribly difficult to reconcile ourselves to the fact.

And how darling about Miss I must leave you. This is the end of a letter but if it helps to convey to you the fact that I love you dearly it will have accomplished at least some of its purpose.

Edwina, Paris

1184 EAST 89TH STREET
HYDE PARK STATION
CHICAGO

Nov. 24 '31.

Dear Aunt Mina,
May I
add my expression of sympathy
to that of the thousands
of messages you must
have had, from people
who feel Mr. Edison's loss
as a personal loss all
over the world? I can
realize how time does not
heal the wound caused

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to stay on at Glenmont.

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Lewis is well, as am I and my family. We are both busy during the day, he of course at the bank, and I with running our little apartment, cooking etc, and some outside interests in civic welfare work. Each year brings new friends and wider interests to us both. It is hard to realize over five years ago we were

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by the loss of a great man, and send you all my love and understanding in these days that must be so lonely for you. If there were only something Lewis and I could do for you, but there seems to be nothing but the expression of ~~my~~ your sympathy, which is very real and lasting. We wonder if you will get away anywhere this winter or if you will prefer

married.

I can't wish you a
happy Thanksgiving exactly,
but know you will be
content in the happy
memories you have and
in the gratitude the world
feels towards your husband.

With a great deal of
love. We will both write
often if it gives you any
happiness to know your
family is thinking of you.

Helen W. Miller

16. 11. 1940

Dear Mrs.

I was very kind and thoughtful for you to send the Florida paper to us. We all agree with the speaker who pronounced Mr. Carlson "America's Greatest Citizen". A wonderful life he has had and that he may live many years more in his usefulness is the hope of the whole world. I often think of you, dear Nina and hope that you are keeping well. We were so glad to

hear of the safe arrival of Madalene's little one
and that you could be near her, as you had
hoped. Your dear little boys, for future men.
Our little boys, here, have been quite ill with
fever - are nearly all right again - and may
be able to go to school by another week, but
as our Doctor says "we will delay the
education until they are entirely well."

Your Uncle Levi is getting thinner every day
and is quite feeble in some ways, but he has
a good appetite, sleeps well, and most of the
time is comfortable and happy - just now he
is having some pain and lameness in one
hip - but Dr Parsons does not think of it
seriously, and thinks he will be rid of it soon.

With love, and the kindest wishes for your
happiness and welfare, from us all.

I am yours affectionately
Aunt Marcia

**Family Records Series -- Charles Edison Fund Collection
Mina Edison Papers
Chautauqua Property**

This folder consists primarily of correspondence and other documents relating to the repair and remodeling of the Lewis Miller Cottage in Chautauqua, New York. The selected documents are from 1922 and refer to the payment of services and the distribution of funds from the Miller Estate Income Fund, of which Mina Miller Edison served as executrix. Included is a list of companies in which the Fund held stocks or bonds.

Less than 10 percent of the documents have been selected. The unselected items include correspondence with vendors and contractors such as Fakes-Bisbee-Robertson, Inc., and the Warren Construction Co.

THOMAS A. EDISON

ORANGE, N.J.

May 3, 1922.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison,
c/o The St. Elmo,
✓ Chautauque, New York.

Dear Mrs. Edison:-

I am sending Miss Miller, under
separate cover, check for \$500.00 as requested by
you.

Business is moving along all
right at present.

Yours very truly,

H. S. Miller
Treasurer.

THOMAS A. EDISON

ORANGE, N. J.

May 22, 1922.

Mrs. Mina M. Edison,
c/o The St. Elmo,
Chautauque, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Edison:-

As requested in yours of the 19th inst., I am sending you herewith check for \$400.00 to the order of Rachel Alice Miller for four months services and check to your order for \$500.00 to pay bills. I also enclose list of ~~these~~ amounts already paid, amounting to \$7,821.00, as listed below.

Paid - Fakes Biscoe-Robertson, Inc.	\$354.14
" - Miss Miller - Expenses	1015.82
" - Miss Miller - Services	400.00
" - Warren Construction Co.	735.104
" - Mina M. Edison	1500.00
	<u>\$7821.00</u>

This amount over draws the Miller Estate *Income* fund \$5,000, unless it is your intention to include the \$9,000 received from Portland Cement Company Coupons paid April 1st, in which case there would be a balance of \$4,000 to the credit of the fund.

If it is your intention to include the amount received from the Coupons, kindly advise me so that I can keep the records straight.

Yours very truly,

H. A. Miller
Treasurer

Received from the Miller Estate the following Interest, Rent, Dividends, etc. from 1916 to July 1st, 1922

B. F. Goodrich Co. - Preferred Stock - Dividends	3211.75	
" " " " - Common " "	50.75	
Diamond Hitch Co. " " "	719.00	
General Motors Co. " " "	25.50	
Chautauqua Hotel Co. " " "	1181.25	
Union Pacific R.R. Co. Bonds - Interest	300.00	
Alron, Ohio Real Estate Rentals	5750.00	-
Barborton Realty Co. Principal	7504.00	
" " Interest	4575.00	
Edison Portland Cement Co. Coupons	9000.00	
American Car & Foundry Co. Dividends	82.75	
Quaker Oats Co. Stock	35.00	
Northern Pacific R.R. Co. Bonds - Interest	75.00	
City View Apartment Bonds Interest	17.50	
General Motors Co. Stock - Sold 4 shares	1217.09	
	<i>Cash Mr. Johnson</i>	327,052.05
		<u>2,000.00</u>
Purchased the following Stocks, Bonds, etc.		<u>298,252.05</u>
5 - General Motors Co. Common Stock	3118.50	
7 - B. F. Goodrich Co. " "	614.55	
1 - " " " " Preferred "	102.50	
<i>2000 shares bond</i> 37000 - Union Pacific R. R. Co. Bonds bought at 85 -	5552.70	
25 - Shares - Quaker Oats Stock	1050.70	
22500.00 - Northern Pacific R.R. Co.	2019.85	
25 - Shares - American Car & Fgy. Stock	2600.00	
<i>1 bond -</i> 2500 - City View Apartment Bond -	54.50	
- Smith Notes	1127.00	
H. P. Miller - Services	355.00	
		<u>15,569.25</u>
		<u>14,252.80</u>

Paid for Chautauqua Improvement: *up to July 1st 1922*

Falco-Bisbee-Robertson, Inc.	1509.84
Rachel A. Miller	1015.82
Falco-Bisbee-Robertson	744.30
Warren Const. Co.	1520.71
" " "	2622.35
Rachel A. Miller	400.00
Henry Kohnstie & Son	297.35
Henry A. Proor	53.55
Edward Elliott (Pora & Flower Farm)	51.55
Lingquist Electric Co. Inc.	48.55
Chautauqua Institution	750.00 +
O. F. Larson	49.15
Falco-Bisbee-Robertson, Inc.	173.70
John Hanson	41.85
Wm. H. Schaub	41.85
C.S. Arnold	137.77
Wm. Bennett & R.W. Hopkins	39.00

Total - Carried Forward

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John E. Glonne 22.75
A. S. C. Electric Company 173.64
Hildreth Varnish Company 2.50
Detroit Top & Taint Co. 30.80
T. W. Hayes 154.05
Hugo Rosendahl 54.00
Farr Lumber Company 12.43
Harry W. Arnold 305.00
H. A. Craig 141.00
Mitchell & Barker Corp. 86.57
Wm. D. Halladay 36.75
Parker-Bisbee-Robertson 1500.00
Ira H. Wilson 1500.00
Parker-Bisbee-Robertson 1000.00

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**Family Records Series -- Charles Edison Fund Collection
Mina Edison Papers
Estate and Will**

This folder contains an unsigned copy of the last will and testament of Mina Miller Edison, dated December 20, 1946, along with typewritten lists of relatives, former employees, and other individuals who were to receive money, souvenirs, or articles from the house. Most of the lists are dated 1932. The first list was probably prepared between the birth of niece Nancy Miller (Arnn) in July 1922 and the marriage of niece Margaret Miller (Newman) in May 1926. Another undated list may also have been generated during this period. Most of the lists are accompanied by a carbon copy with corrections by Mina Edison.

All of the documents have been selected except for a few routine items from 1936-1939.

MEMORANDUM OF
NIECES, NEPHEWS, GOD-CHILDREN AND NAMESAKES
TO ACCOMPANY WILL.

- To my niece, Margaret Miller, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500).
- To my niece, Elizabeth Miller, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500).
- To my niece and God-daughter, Nancy Miller, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500).
- To my nephew, Milton A. Miller, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500).
- To my grandson and God-son, Thomas Edison Sloane, the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000).
- To my namesake, Mina Jane Geddes, of Fort Myers, Florida, the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250).
- To my God-son, Frank Stout, Jr., of Fort Myers, Florida, the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250).
- To my God-daughter, Phoebe Lamont Mansfield, the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250).
- To Louise Igoe Miller, for her children, Rachel, Robert A., and Lewis II, the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500).

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MEMORANDUM OF
NIECES, NEPHEWS, GOD-CHILDREN AND NAMESAKES.

Step-niece, Marion Nichols \$1,000.00-
Margaret Miller Newman \$1,000.00-
Elizabeth Miller \$1,000.00-
Robert A. Miller, Jr. \$1,000.00

(All established and otherwise provided for).

God-daughter and niece, Rachel Alice Miller . . . \$3,500.00-
God-son and nephew, Lewis Miller II \$2,500.00-
Grandson and God-son, Thomas Edison Sloane . . . \$1,000.00-
Nephew, Milton S. Miller \$2,000.00
Niece, Barbara Miller \$1,000.00-

God-son, Frank Stout, Jr. \$250.00
God-daughter, Phoebe Lamont Mansfield \$250.00
Namesake, Mina Jane Geddes \$250.00
Namesake, Mildred Mina Haas \$250.00-

This Memorandum is to accompany my Will.

Dated _____, 1932.

MEMORANDUM OF
NIECES, NEPHEWS, GOD-CHILDREN AND NAMESAKES.

According to money on hand, all tentative.

Step-niece, Marion Nichols \$1,000.00
Margaret Miller Newman \$1,000.00
Elizabeth Miller \$1,000.00
Robert A. Miller, Jr. \$1,000.00

(All established and otherwise provided for).

God-daughter and niece, Rachel Alice Miller . . . \$3,500.00
God-son and nephew, Lewis Miller II \$2,500.00
Grandson and God-son, Thomas Edison Sloane . . . ~~\$1,000.00~~
Nephew, Milton S. Miller \$2,000.00
Niece, Barbara Miller \$1,000.00

God-son, Frank Stout, Jr. \$250.00
God-daughter, Phoebe Lamont Mansfield \$250.00
Namesake, Mina Jane Geddes \$250.00
Namesake, Mildred Mina Haas \$250.00

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Dated _____, 1932.

LIST OF FORMER SERVANTS.

Henry Horsey, former butler, \$250.00
Mrs. Thomas Conroy, widow of former coachman, . . . \$100.00
and \$100 to each of her children, Mary and Thomas Conroy.
Mrs. Patrick Milan, widow of former watchman, . . . \$100.00
Mrs. Michael Cox, former laundress, \$100.00
Mrs. Callahan, former laundress, \$100.00
To the two daughters of Mrs. Visey,
former laundress, \$ 50.00 each
Mrs. Levi Pinn, widow of my father's former
coachman, \$100.00
✓ Mrs. Sarah Ewing, former employe of my mother, . . . \$100.00
Mrs. Lizzie Kelly, former employe of my mother, . . \$100.00
Charles Haas, my secretary, \$2,000.00
and to his daughter, Mildred Mina Haas, \$500

Mr. Harry Miller -

MEMORANDUM.LIST OF FORMER EMPLOYES
TO BE REMEMBERED.

John _____, Watchman at Laboratory . . . \$100.00
 Henry Horsey, former butler \$100.00
 Mrs. Thomas Conroy, widow of former coachman . . . \$100.00
 and \$100 to each of her children, Mary and Thomas Conroy.
 Mrs. Patrick Milan, widow of former watchman . . . \$100.00
 Mrs. Michael Cox, former laundress \$100.00
 Mrs. Callahan, former laundress \$100.00
 To the two daughters of Mrs. Visey, former
 laundress \$ 50.00 each.
 Mrs. Levi Pinn, widow of my father's former
 coachman \$100.00
 Miss Sarah Ewing, former nurse to my children . . \$100.00
 Mrs. Lizzie Kelly, former employe of my mother . \$100.00
 Charles Haas, my secretary \$2,000.00

This Memorandum is to accompany my will.

Dated _____ 1932.

MEMORANDUM.

LIST OF FORMER EMPLOYEES
TO BE REMEMBERED.

John _____, Watchman at Laboratory . . . \$188.00
Henry Horsey, former butler \$125.00
Mrs. Thomas Conroy, widow of former coachman . . . \$100.00
and \$100 to each of her children, Mary and Thomas Conroy.
Mrs. Patrick Millan, widow of former watchman . . . \$100.00
Mrs. Michael Cox, former laundress \$100.00
Mrs. Callahan, former laundress \$160.00
To the two daughters of Mrs. Visay, former
laundress \$ 50.00 each.
Mrs. Levi Finn, widow of my father's former
coachman \$100.00
Miss Sarah Ewing, former nurse to my children . . \$100.00
Mrs. Lizzie Kelly, former employe of my mother . . \$100.00
Charles Haas, my secretary \$2,000.00

This Memorandum is to accompany my will.

Dated _____ 1932.

MEMORANDUM.

PEOPLE TO BE REMEMBERED WITH PERSONAL
SOUVENIRS OR ARTICLES FROM THE HOUSE.

Dr. and Mrs. T. O'Connor Sloane

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Anderson

Miss Alameda

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sloane

Mrs. Hawkins

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Halsey

Mr. and Mrs. Edson Winter

Mrs. Osterhaut - Dr. Osterhaut

Mr. and Mrs. _____ Seer

~~Mr. and Mrs. Ira W. Miller~~

Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Miller

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis A. Miller

Mr. and Mrs. William Wallace Nichols

Mrs. Halbut Kellogg Hitchcock

Mr. and Mrs. John V. Miller

Mrs. Robert A. Miller

~~Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Miller Alexander~~

Mrs. Frank A. Potter

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Edison

Mrs. Nellie Edison Poyer

Mrs. Lucille Poyer

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Poyer

~~Mr.~~ and Mrs. Edward Wheeler

Mr. Dinsmore Wheeler
Mr. Richard Wheeler
Miss Dorothy Wheeler

F R I E N D S

~~Mrs. Richard M. Colgate~~
Mrs. Frank Hill
Mrs. William Thayer Brown
Miss Irene Brown
Mr. and Mrs. Robins
Mrs. Charles Hathaway
Mrs. H. D. Smith
Mrs. George Muck
Mrs. Alfred B. Jenkins
Mr. and Mrs. Farnham Yardley
Mr. and Mrs. Marian Garrison
Mrs. Alexander King
Mr. and Mrs. David Valentine
Mrs. Robert Carter
Mrs. Nelson
Miss Merrill
Mrs. Saunders Paul Jones

Mrs. Gray King (Goodman)
Mrs. Better Brown (George Warren)
Mrs. Ethel Lamont (George McOutcheon)
Mr. and Mrs. Dumand
Mr. and Mrs. Phillips
Mr. and Mrs. Lanahan

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Mr. and Mrs. Wilson

Mr. and Mrs. Stevens - Now Winter Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Miller

Mr. Meadowcroft

This Memorandum is to accompany my Will.

Dated _____ 1932.

MEMORANDUM.

PEOPLE TO BE REMEMBERED WITH PERSONAL
SOUVENIRS OR ARTICLES FROM THE HOUSE.

Dr. and Mrs. T. O'Conor Sloane

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Anderson

Miss Alamada

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cigano

Mrs. Hawkins

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Halsey

Mr. and Mrs. Edson Winter

Mrs. Osterhaut - Dr. Osterhaut

Mr. and Mrs. _____ Seer

Mr. and Mrs. Ira W. Miller

Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Miller

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis A. Miller

Mr. and Mrs. William Wallace Nichols

Mrs. Halbut Kellogg Hitchcock

Mr. and Mrs. John V. Miller

Mrs. Robert A. Miller

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Miller Alexander

Mrs. Frank A. Potter

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Edison

Mrs. Nellie Edison Poyer

Mrs. Lucille Poyer

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Poyer

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wheeler

~~Mr. Dinmore Wheeler~~

~~Mr. Richard Wheeler~~

~~Miss Dorothy Wheeler~~

F R I E N D S

~~Mrs. Richard W. Selgate~~

Mrs. Frank Hill

Mrs. William Thayer Brown

~~Miss Irene Brown~~

Mr. and Mrs. Robins~~on~~

Mrs. Charles Hathaway

Mrs. H. D. Smith

Mrs. George ^W~~W~~ick

Mrs. Alfred B. Jenkins

Mr. and Mrs. Farnham Yardley

Mr. and Mrs. Marian Garrison

Mrs. Alexander King

Mr. and Mrs. David Valentine

Mrs. Robert Carter

Mrs. Holson

Miss Merrill

Mrs. Saunders Paul Jones

Mrs. Gray King (Goodman)

~~Mrs. Betty Brown (George Warron)~~

Mrs. Ethel Lamont (George McCutcheon)

Mr. and Mrs. Duhand

~~Mr. and Mrs. Phillips~~

Mr. and Mrs. Lenahan

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Mr. and Mrs. Wilson

~~Mr. and Mrs. Stevens~~ - Now Winter Park.

~~Mr. and Mrs. Walter Miller~~

~~Mr. Mendowcroft~~

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Dated _____ 1932.

MEMORANDUM.

LIST OF ADDITIONAL REQUESTS TO BE MADE
EITHER BY MY EXECUTORS, OR BY MY THREE
CHILDREN.

Mr. Harry Miller	\$2,000.00
Mrs. Henry Morris	\$
Miss M. Elizabeth Given	\$
Miss Lucy D. Bogue,	\$
Miss Humble	\$
Mr. Frank Stout	\$
Mrs. Stephens	

This Memorandum is to accompany my Will.

Dated _____, 1932.

CE Copy
W. II
Letter

Last Will and Testament

OF

MINA M. EDISON

DATED: DECEMBER 20, 1946

Proof of August 26, 1947.

I, **MINA M. EDISON**, of the Town of West Orange, County of Essex and State of New Jersey, do make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament, hereby revoking each and every will and codicil by me at any time heretofore made.

FIRST: I direct the payment of my just debts as soon after my decease as may be practicable.

SECOND: I give and bequeath to my daughter, Madeleine Edison Sloane, my pearl necklace, my aquamarine lavaliere and my mother's star pin studded with eleven pearls and five diamonds.

THIRD: I give and bequeath to my daughter, Marion Edison Oser, Carolyn H. Edison, the wife of my son Charles Edison, and Ann O. Edison, the wife of my son Theodore M. Edison, that is to say, to each of them, the piece of my jewelry hereinafter set after her name, that is to say:

To Marion Edison Oser, my gold watch marked M M E-1888 in diamonds.

To Carolyn H. Edison, my diamond solitaire engagement ring and my cabochon pin.

To Ann O. Edison, my Russian necklace, bracelet, pin and ring, and the box in which they are kept, and also my emerald and diamond watch with chain attached.

FOURTH: Whereas I have heretofore established a trust fund for the benefit of the Chautauqua Institution, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, in order to enable it to expand its free educational activities, which fund is known as the "LEWIS MULLER MASONIC FUND", I feel that I have sufficiently provided for the welfare of such institution, and accordingly make no further provision for its benefit.

FIFTH: I give and bequeath to my daughter, Madeleine Edison Sloane, eight hundred and fifty (850) shares of the preferred stock of Thomas A. Edison, Incorporated.

SIXTH: I give and bequeath to my son, Theodore M. Edison, eight hundred and fifty (850) shares of the preferred stock of Thomas A. Edison, Incorporated.

SEVENTH: I give and bequeath to my son, Charles Edison, eight hundred and fifty (850) shares of the preferred stock of Thomas A. Edison, Incorporated.

EIGHTH: I give and bequeath to my son, Theodore M. Edison, fifteen thousand (15,000) shares of the Class B common stock of Thomas A. Edison, Incorporated.

NINTH: I give and bequeath to my son, Charles Edison, fifteen thousand (15,000) shares of the Class A common stock of Thomas A. Edison, Incorporated.

TENTH: I give and bequeath to the trustees hereunder, hereinafter named, two thousand (2,000) shares of the preferred stock of Thomas A. Edison, Incorporated, in trust for the following uses and purposes, that is to say:

To hold, invest and reinvest, and apply the issues and profits arising therefrom, in equal semi-annual payments, so far as practicable,

to the sole use of my daughter, Madeleine Edison Sloane, so long as she shall live.

Upon the death of the said Madeleine Edison Sloane, in case her present husband, John E. Sloane, be then living, I direct that one-half of the principal of the fund theretofore held hereunder in trust for her benefit, be held in trust for the benefit of the said John E. Sloane, so long as he shall live, and that meanwhile the issues and profits arising therefrom be applied to his sole use in equal semi-annual payments so far as practicable.

Upon the death of the said John E. Sloane, I direct that the principal of the fund theretofore held hereunder in trust for his benefit shall be disposed of, as hereinafter directed with respect to the remaining one-half of the principal of the fund theretofore held hereunder in trust for his wife's benefit and held or distributed, as hereinafter provided with respect thereto.

Upon the death of the said Madeleine Edison Sloane upon the further trust to divide one-half of the principal of the fund theretofore held hereunder in trust for her benefit, or, in the event that the said John E. Sloane does not survive her, the whole thereof, into as many equal parts or shares as may be necessary in order to provide one for each child of the said Madeleine Edison Sloane then living, and one for the then living issue of each child of the said Madeleine Edison Sloane, who shall have previously died and left issue.

Upon the death of the said Madeleine Edison Sloane, upon the further trust, to set apart one of the said shares for the use of each child of the said Madeleine Edison Sloane, who, having survived her, shall be under thirty (30) years of age at the time of her death and shall have been in being at the time this will takes effect.

With respect to each of the shares hereby directed to be set apart and held in trust, to hold it separately, invest it and reinvest it, receive the issues and profits arising therefrom, and apply them in equal semi-annual payments, so far as practicable, to the sole use of the child for whose benefit the share shall have been set apart until he or she shall have attained the age of thirty (30) years, and thereupon to assign, transfer and deliver to such child the principal of the fund theretofore held hereunder in trust for his or her benefit.

In case any child for whose benefit one of the said shares shall have been set apart, as hereby directed, die before he or she shall have reached the age of thirty (30) years, and leave issue then, and in any such event, it is my will that the issue of the child so dying shall take by representation according to stock the share that his, her, or their parent would have taken hereunder had he or she lived to attain the age of thirty years.

In case any child for whose benefit one of the said shares shall have been set apart die before he or she shall have reached the age of thirty (30) years without leaving issue, then, and in any such event, it is my will that the share that the child so dying would have taken hereunder, had he or she lived to attain the age of thirty years, shall go to his or her then living brothers and sisters, in equal shares, should there be more than one, provided, however, that the issue of any brother or sister of the child so dying, who may have previously died and left issue, shall take by representation according to stock the share that his, her or their parent would have taken hereunder, had he or she survived the event.

With respect to the remaining shares, immediately upon the death of the said Madeleine Edison Sloane, upon the further trust, to assign, transfer and distribute one of said shares to each child of the said Madeleine Edison Sloane, who, having survived her, shall be

over thirty years of age at the time of her death, and one to each child of the said Madeleine Edison Sloane, who, although under thirty years of age at that time, shall not have been in being at the time this will takes effect, and one to and among the then living issue of each child of the said Madeleine Edison Sloane, who shall have died during her lifetime and left issue, such issue to take by representation according to stock.

ELEVENTH: I give and bequeath to the trustees hereunder, hereinafter named, one hundred and seventy-five (175) shares of the preferred stock of Thomas A. Edison, Incorporated, in trust for the following uses and purposes, that is to say:

To hold, invest and reinvest, and apply the income, issues and profits arising therefrom, in equal semi-annual payments, so far as practicable, to the sole use of my grandson Thomas Edison Sloane, so long as he shall live, or until he shall have attained the age of forty (40) years.

Upon the said Thomas Edison Sloane attaining the age of thirty-five (35) years, I direct that he shall become entitled to receive one-half of the principal of the fund theretofore held hereunder in trust for his benefit, and upon his attaining the age of forty (40) years, the remaining portion thereof.

In case the said Thomas Edison Sloane die before attaining the age of forty (40) years, either during my lifetime, or after my decease, and leave issue, then and in that event, I direct that such issue shall take per stirpes and not per capita, the principal of the fund hereby intended for his benefit, or so much thereof as may then remain.

If my said grandson should die before attaining the age of forty (40) years, either during my lifetime, or after my decease, and leave no issue, I direct that his brothers and sisters, or their issue, shall take per stirpes and not per capita, the principal of the fund hereby intended for his benefit, or so much thereof as may then remain.

TWELFTH: I give and bequeath to the trustees hereunder, hereinafter named, one hundred and seventy-five (175) shares of the preferred stock of Thomas A. Edison, Incorporated, in trust for the following uses and purposes, that is to say:

To hold, invest and reinvest, and apply the income, issues and profits arising therefrom, in equal semi-annual payments, so far as practicable, to the sole use of my grandson John Edison Sloane, so long as he shall live, or until he shall have attained the age of forty (40) years.

Upon the said John Edison Sloane attaining the age of thirty-five (35) years, I direct that he shall become entitled to receive one-half of the principal of the fund theretofore held hereunder in trust for his benefit, and upon his attaining the age of forty (40) years, the remaining portion thereof.

In case the said John Edison Sloane die before attaining the age of forty (40) years, either during my lifetime, or after my decease, and leave issue, then and in that event, I direct that such issue shall take per stirpes and not per capita, the principal of the fund hereby intended for his benefit, or so much thereof as may then remain.

If my said grandson should die before attaining the age of forty (40) years, either during my lifetime, or after my decease, and leave no issue, I direct that his brothers and sisters, or their issue, shall take per stirpes and not per capita, the principal of the fund hereby intended for his benefit, or so much thereof as may then remain.

THIRTEENTH: I give and bequeath to the trustees hereunder, hereinafter named, one hundred and seventy-five (175) shares of the preferred stock of Thomas A. Edison, Incorporated, in trust for the following uses and purposes, that is to say:

To hold, invest and reinvest, and apply the income, issues and profits arising therefrom, in equal semi-annual payments, so far as practicable, to the sole use of my grandson Peter Edison Sloane, so long as he shall live, or until he shall have attained the age of forty (40) years.

Upon the said Peter Edison Sloane attaining the age of thirty-five (35) years, I direct that he shall become entitled to receive one-half of the principal of the fund theretofore held hereunder in trust for his benefit, and upon his attaining the age of forty (40) years, the remaining portion thereof.

In case the said Peter Edison Sloane die before attaining the age of forty (40) years, either during my lifetime, or after my decease, and leave issue, then and in that event, I direct that such issue shall take per stirpes and not per capita, the principal of the fund hereby intended for his benefit, or so much thereof as may then remain.

If my said grandson should die before attaining the age of forty (40) years, either during my lifetime, or after my decease, and leave no issue, I direct that his brothers and sisters, or their issue, shall take per stirpes and not per capita, the principal of the fund hereby intended for his benefit, or so much thereof as may then remain.

FOURTEENTH: I give and bequeath to the trustees hereunder hereinafter named, one hundred and seventy-five (175) shares of the preferred stock of Thomas A. Edison, Incorporated, in trust for the following uses and purposes, that is to say:

To hold, invest and reinvest, and apply the income, issues and profits arising therefrom, in equal semi-annual payments, so far as practicable, to the sole use of my grandson Michael Edison Sloane, so long as he shall live, or until he shall have attained the age of forty (40) years.

Upon the said Michael Edison Sloane attaining the age of thirty-five (35) years, I direct that he shall become entitled to receive one-half of the principal of the fund theretofore held hereunder in trust for his benefit, and upon his attaining the age of forty (40) years, the remaining portion thereof.

In case the said Michael Edison Sloane die before attaining the age of forty (40) years, either during my lifetime, or after my decease, and leave issue, then and in that event, I direct that such issue shall take per stirpes and not per capita, the principal of the fund hereby intended for his benefit, or so much thereof as may then remain.

If my said grandson should die before attaining the age of forty (40) years, either during my lifetime, or after my decease, and leave no issue, I direct that his brothers and sisters, or their issue, shall take per stirpes and not per capita, the principal of the fund hereby intended for his benefit, or so much thereof as may then remain.

FIFTEENTH: I give and bequeath to the trustees hereunder, hereinafter named, one thousand (1,000) shares of the preferred stock of Thomas A. Edison, Incorporated, in trust for the following uses and purposes, that is to say:

To hold, invest and reinvest, and apply the issues and profits arising therefrom, in equal semi-annual payments, so far as practicable, to the sole use of my daughter, Marion Edison Oser, so long as she shall live.

Upon the death of the said Marion Edison Oser, I direct that the principal of the fund, heretofore held hereunder in trust for her benefit, shall be distributed to and among such of the children of my daughter, Madeleine Edison Sloane, as may then be living, in equal shares, should there be more than one, provided, however, that the then living issue of each child of the said Madeleine Edison Sloane, who shall have previously died and left issue, shall take per stirpes and not per capita, the share that his, her or their parent would have taken hereunder, had he or she survived the event.

SIXTEENTH: I give and bequeath to the trustees hereunder, herein-after named, three hundred (300) shares of the preferred stock of Thomas A. Edison, Incorporated, in trust for the following uses and purposes, that is to say:

A. To set apart and hold separately two-thirds of the last mentioned principal, invest it and reinvest it, receive the issues and profits arising therefrom, and apply them in equal semi-annual payments, so far as practicable to the sole use of Nancy Miller Arm, daughter of my deceased brother John V. Miller, so long as the said Nancy Miller Arm shall live, or until she shall have attained the age of thirty-five years.

Upon the said Nancy Miller Arm's attaining the age of thirty-five years, to assign, transfer, and deliver to her the principal of the fund heretofore held hereunder in trust for her benefit.

B. To set apart and hold separately one-third of the last mentioned principal, invest it and reinvest it, receive the issues and profits arising therefrom, and apply them in equal semi-annual payments, so far as practicable to the sole use of Stuart Miller, son of the said John V. Miller, so long as the said Stuart Miller shall live, or until he shall have attained the age of thirty-five years.

Upon the said Stuart Miller's attaining the age of thirty-five years, to assign, transfer and deliver to him the principal of the fund heretofore held hereunder in trust for his benefit.

In case either the said Nancy Miller Arm or the said Stuart Miller should die before reaching the age of thirty-five years, either during my lifetime, or after my decease, and leave issue, it is my will that his or her issue shall take per stirpes and not per capita, the share that his, her, or their parent would have taken hereunder, had he or she lived to attain the age of thirty-five years.

In case either the said Nancy Miller Arm or the said Stuart Miller should die before reaching the age of thirty-five years, either during my lifetime, or after my decease, and leave no issue, it is my will that the brother, or sister, of the one so dying, as the case may be, or his or her issue, shall take the share that the one so dying would have taken hereunder, had he or she lived to attain the age of thirty-five years.

In case both the said Nancy Miller Arm and Stuart Miller should die before reaching the age of thirty-five years, and neither one of them shall leave any issue, then and in that event, it is my will that upon the death of the survivor, the share that he or she would have taken hereunder had he or she lived to attain the age of thirty-five years shall be distributed to and among such of the children of my daughter Madeleine Edison Sloane as may then be living in equal shares should there be more than one, provided, however, that the then living issue of each child of the said Madeleine Edison Sloane who may have previously died and left issue shall take per stirpes and not per capita the share which his, her or their parent would have taken hereunder had he or she survived the event.

SEVENTEENTH: I give and bequeath to the trustees hereunder, hereinafter named, two hundred and fifty (250) shares of the preferred stock of Thomas A. Edison, Incorporated, in trust for the following uses and purposes, that is to say:

To hold, invest and reinvest, and apply the issues and profits arising therefrom, in equal semi-annual payments, so far as practicable, to the sole use of my cousin, Edith Edison Potter, so long as she shall live.

Upon the death of the said Edith Edison Potter upon the further trust to hold the principal of the fund theretofore held hereunder in trust for the benefit of the said Edith Edison Potter, invest it and reinvest it, and apply the issues and profits arising therefrom in equal semi-annual payments, so far as practicable, to the sole use of my niece Rachel A. Miller, so long as she shall live, and upon her death, to assign, transfer, and distribute the principal of the fund theretofore held hereunder in trust for her benefit to and among the children of my daughter, Madeleine Edison Sloane, the survivors, or survivor of them, in equal shares, should there be more than one, provided, however, that the issue, then living, of any child of the said Madeleine Edison Sloane, who may have previously died and left issue, shall take per stirpes and not per capita, the share that his, her, or their parent would have taken hereunder, had he or she survived the said Rachel A. Miller.

EIGHTEENTH: It is my intention that each of the foregoing dispositions of corporate stock shall be regarded as constituting a specific legacy and treated as such, and I so direct.

NINETEENTH: I give and bequeath to The Thomas Alva Edison Foundation, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, having its present principal business office at No. 51 Lakeside Avenue, West Orange, New Jersey, the sum of Fifty thousand Dollars (\$50,000.) for its general corporate purposes.

TWENTIETH: I give and bequeath to the National Recreation Association, Inc., formerly known as the Playground and Recreation Association of America, the sum of Ten thousand Dollars (\$10,000.) for its general corporate purposes.

TWENTY-FIRST: I give and bequeath to Mount Union College of Alliance in the State of Ohio, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of that State, the sum of Ten thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the purpose of maintaining Miller Hall.

TWENTY-SECOND: I give and bequeath to the First Methodist Church of the City of Orange, County of Essex and State of New Jersey, having its principal house of worship at Dey Street and Park Avenue in the said City of Orange, the sum of Five thousand Dollars (\$5,000.)

TWENTY-THIRD: I give and bequeath to my children, Madeleine Edison Sloane, Charles Edison and Theodore M. Edison, the survivors or survivor of them, the sum of Thirty-two thousand Dollars (\$32,000.)

It is my earnest desire, however, without intending to limit in any manner the gift, or gifts hereunder, that my said children shall distribute the said sum of Thirty-two thousand Dollars (\$32,000.) to and among such persons as I may designate to receive a portion thereof and in accordance with a certain written memorandum, which will be found with this will and in the amounts therein indicated.

TWENTY-FOURTH: I direct that all inheritance, estate, transfer, succession and legacy taxes levied by the United States, or any state or political sub-division thereof, upon, or upon the transfer of, or with respect to, my estate, or any property, regardless of whether it passes under my will, which is required to be included in my estate for the purpose of such taxes by the laws levying same, be paid from my residuary estate.

TWENTY-FIFTH: All the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, real, personal and mixed, wheresoever situated, I give, devise and bequeath to my children, Madeleine Edison Sloane, Charles Edison and Theodore M. Edison, share and share alike, the survivors or survivor of them, provided, however, that the issue of any one of them who may die during my lifetime and leave issue shall take the share which his, her or their parent would have taken hereunder had he or she survived me.

TWENTY-SIXTH: I nominate, constitute and appoint my son, Charles Edison, and Albert R. Jube of South Orange, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, to be the executors hereof, and direct that neither one of them shall be required to give security for the faithful performance of his duties as such in any jurisdiction where he may be called upon to act. I have not nominated my son, Theodore M. Edison, as one of the executors hereof for the reason that he has positively told me that he did not wish to serve as such.

In the event of the death of either my said son Charles Edison or the said Albert R. Jube, either during my lifetime or after my decease, or of the failure of either of them to qualify, or, if either of them should resign, I nominate, constitute and appoint The National State Bank of Newark, N. J., 810 Broad Street, Newark, N. J., or its successor, to be an executor hereof in the place and stead of the one so dying, failing to qualify or resigning.

TWENTY-SEVENTH: I nominate, constitute and appoint The National State Bank, a corporation organized and existing under the Laws of the State of New Jersey and having its principal place of business in the City of Newark, County of Essex and State of New Jersey, and the said Albert R. Jube, to be the trustees hereunder, and direct that neither one of them shall be required to give security for the faithful performance of its or his duties hereunder in any jurisdiction where it or he may be called upon to act.

TWENTY-EIGHTH: In the administration of my estate and the trusts hereby established, my executors and trustees, and the survivors or survivor of them, and their successors, shall have the following powers:

(A) At any time in their discretion, to sell and convey any and all real estate of which I may die seized and possessed, or to which I may be in any manner entitled at the time of my decease, either at public auction or by private sale, for cash, or partly for cash and partly on credit, and for such purposes to execute, acknowledge and deliver good and sufficient conveyances thereof.

(B) To lease any property held by them and fix the duration of the term, irrespective of any provision of any statute or the termination of any trust; to collect, convert, redeem, exchange or otherwise dispose of any securities or other property, real or personal, at any time held by them.

(C) To continue to retain for such period as to them shall seem reasonably safe, any or all securities and other property, irrespective of whether they may be unproductive of income, in which any portion of my estate may be invested at the time of my decease, particularly the Preferred and Common stocks of Thomas A. Edison, Incorporated, and my said executors and trustees shall not be surecharged or otherwise held accountable for any loss resulting from their having done so.

(D) To change investments and properties and to invest and re-invest all or any funds of my estate, and of any part of the principal of my estate and of the trusts hereby established, in such securities or other property as may to them seem advisable, regardless of whether or not they be then authorized for the investment of trust funds by the laws of the State of New Jersey or other applicable jurisdiction.

(E) To consent to the reorganization, consolidation, merger, liquidation, adjustment of or other change in any corporation, company or association or to the sale or lease of the property thereof, or any part thereof, any of the securities or other property of which may at the time be held by them hereunder, and to do any act or exercise any power with reference thereto that is or may be legally exercised by any person owning similar property in his own right, including the exercise of options, deposit or exchange of securities, entrance into voting trusts, making of agreements or subscriptions which they may deem necessary or advisable in connection therewith, all without applying to any court for permission so to do.

(F) In any event in which my executors or trustees, as the case may be, shall be required or permitted to divide all or any part of my estate or of any trust hereby established into parts or shares, or to distribute the same, to make such division or distribution, in their sole discretion, in money, in kind, or partly in kind and partly in money.

(G) To borrow money from others or from themselves or any of them, whether to pay taxes, make subscriptions, exercise options, pay assessments, or to accomplish any other purpose of any nature incidental to the administration of my estate or of any of the trusts hereby established, and to mortgage or pledge any securities or other property held by them as security therefor.

(H) To enforce any bonds, mortgages or other obligations or liens held hereunder; to enter upon such contracts and agreements, and to make such compromise or settlements of debts, claims or controversies as they may deem necessary or advisable.

(I) To vote personally or by proxy any shares of stock which may at any time be held by them hereunder, and similarly to exercise by attorney any rights appurtenant to any other securities or other property at any time held by them hereunder.

(J) To delegate to any other person or persons, individual or corporate, any of their powers and duties hereunder, for such periods of time as they may deem proper; to exercise their powers and perform their duties hereunder by or through agents, attorneys, brokers or other employees, individual or corporate, and to pay them or any of them reasonable compensation which shall be deemed part of the expense of my estate or of the trusts hereby established, as the case may be.

(K) To cause to be registered in their own names without qualification or description, or in their names as executors and/or trustees hereunder, or in the name of their nominee or nominees, without qualifi-

ention or description, any securities at any time held in my estate or in any of the trusts hereby established; or to take or keep any such securities unregistered and to retain them in such condition that they will pass by delivery.

(L) The powers herein granted to my executors and trustees respectively may be exercised in whole or in part from time to time and shall be deemed to be supplementary to and not exclusive of the general powers of executors and trustees.

TWENTY-NINTH: Whenever, pursuant to the provisions of this Will, all or any part of the principal of any trust fund is payable at the termination of said trust to any infant under the age of twenty-one (21) years, title to the share of such infant shall vest in him or her, but the payment of such share shall be deferred until he or she attains the age of twenty-one (21) years, and in the meantime, such share shall be held by the trustees, who shall apply the principal and income of such share, or such part thereof as the trustees in their uncontrolled discretion may determine, toward the support, maintenance and education of such infant, and upon such infant's attaining the age of twenty-one years, shall deliver to him or her the remaining principal of such share, together with the accumulations, if any, of income therefrom.

In the event that the income of any trust fund or any part thereof shall become payable to or for an infant under the age of twenty-one (21) years, the trustees, in their discretion, may apply such income or any part thereof for the benefit of such infant or may accumulate such income or any part thereof during minority and pay the same to such infant when he or she shall attain the age of twenty-one (21) years.

THIRTIETH: I direct that neither my executors nor the trustees shall be required to make any provision on account of the diminution or increase in value of any security or investment at any time constituting a part of my estate or of any trust hereby established, or for depreciation in respect of any tangible property or for the purpose of amortizing or making good any amounts paid in premiums on the purchase of securities or any other property.

THIRTY-FIRST: I direct that all dividends upon shares of stock at any time constituting part of my estate or of any trust hereby established payable in stock of the corporation declaring the same shall be deemed to be principal, except that such dividends paid at regular or substantially regular intervals out of current earnings may, in the discretion of my executors or trustees be deemed to be income, and my executors and trustees respectively are given full power and authority to determine whether any such dividends are so paid regularly out of current earnings. All cash dividends, irrespective of whether the same are of the kind sometimes described as "ordinary dividends", or of the kind sometimes described as "extraordinary dividends", shall be deemed to be income (except liquidating dividends, which shall be deemed to be principal) and my executors and trustees respectively are given full power and authority to determine whether any cash dividend is or is not a liquidating dividend. My executors and trustees respectively are also given full power and authority to determine whether any dividend or distribution in stock of a corporation other than the one declaring the same or in other property shall be treated as principal or income, or in part principal and in part income.

In the event that rights to subscribe to securities or other property shall accrue upon any of the securities or other property held in my estate or in any of the trusts hereby established, my executors and trustees respectively are authorized in their sole discretion to exercise such rights or to sell the same, and insofar as may be permitted by law, the proceeds of such sale, or in the event of the exercise of said rights, the value thereof at the time of such exercise shall be and become part of the principal. Profits and losses on the purchase and sale of securities shall, insofar as may be permitted by law, be credited, or charged, as the case may be, to principal and-not to income; but all income taxes payable upon such profit shall be paid therefrom.

THIRTY-SECOND: No part of, or interest in, the income of any trust hereby established shall, prior to its actual payment to and receipt by the beneficiaries thereof, be subject to attachment, garnishment or in any way liable for the debts of such beneficiaries, nor shall such income prior to such payment over, be assignable, transferable or in any way anticipated by said beneficiaries, except with the prior written consent of my trustees.

In WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 20 day of December in the Year One thousand nine hundred and forty-six.

In the presence of:

MINA M. EDISON (L. S.)

HOWARD H. ECKERT
EUGENE C. REED
JAMES N. MEIKLE

SIGNED, SEALED, PUBLISHED and DECLARED by MINA M. EDISON, the Testatrix above named, as and for her Last Will and Testament in our presence, and we, at her request, in her presence and in the presence of each other, hereunto subscribe our names as witnesses this 20 day of December, in the Year One thousand nine hundred and forty-six.

7 Crescent Place
HOWARD H. ECKERT residing at Short Hills, N.J.
79 Luddington Road
EUGENE C. REED residing at West Orange, N.J.
21 Hamilton Ave.
JAMES N. MEIKLE residing at Arlington, N.J.

**Family Records Series -- Charles Edison Fund Collection
Edison-Miller Family Papers
Theodore Edison Papers**

These two undated letters were written during the summer of 1911. They are addressed to Theodore's grandmother Mary Valinda Miller and his uncle John V. Miller and relate to the Edison family trip to Europe and the death of Robert Anderson Miller.



Dear Grandmother, and J. N. M.

It is not what you might call cool as the ther. sea, (when I left it on the ground in the sun) 107° and in the shade about 92°. We were all so hot that we could hardly see. But to day it is cooler.

We will be in Paris in two more days. I guess when this letter gets to you, Papa and Brother will have left.

(Please ask Hank if something has come for my wheel and if so ask him to have it put on. Give my love to mine.)

I hope that you and Aunt are well and happy and that snow is alright and not to fat.

I think it will close! Love to all from ??????????


Lieber's Cafe Bred.

HÔTEL DU PAVILLON IMPÉRIAL
DIGUE DE MER
BOULOGNE-SUR-MER

Dear Grandmother, I am so sorry to hear of your son's death. I am so glad I did not know him better because it does not make me feel so sad now. I do not want to bring your mind back to grief as I won't say much more. We got the news from a letter from Mrs. Carlisle. Mother is standing it very well.

Father got here all right and we are all feeling fine. Brother says they had a fine voyage.

I never knew that I loved my country so well as I do now.

I think I will stop ^{for good} with  ^{for good} ^{of her} ^{Flourant.}

**Family Records Series -- Charles Edison Fund Collection
Edison-Miller Family Papers
Thomas Alva Edison, Jr. and Beatrice Heyzer Edison**

The selected items in this folder cover the years 1912-1930 and consist primarily of letters to Mina Miller Edison from her stepson Thomas A. Edison, Jr., and his wife Beatrice Heyzer Edison. The correspondence contains numerous references to the work, health, and travel of Thomas Edison, as well as to his parental role and his troubled relationship with his son. Some of the letters pertain to Edison Jr.'s work on household electric appliances during the late 1920s in a studio in Orange, New Jersey, near his father's laboratory. There are also several letters by Beatrice regarding her husband's illness and hospital stay during the summer of 1922.

Queri. as the storm has blown down
our telegraph wires. I write you regard-
ing the health of Tom. The visit of Dr.
Graham did not do him, he was sweet
and kind as usual, and left his
prescriptions, which have resulted
in *Hydrog. Convolv. com.* He is doing
very nicely indeed, and now able to
take solid food regularly. Together
with milk and broths. Dr. Graham
said his head would not permit of
the noise the putting in of a new wire

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and skill. Hope you are well, and when
a little time is open, we wish you try draw it
with us. Thomas Buds much love and says
a few days more will enable him to write you
Linn our love to all it is ours. wish a large portion
to your dear self, we are

Yours truly

Thomas Buds

Realize:

January 24th. 1842.

Friday:

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would make. As two men came out and
patched our old furnace temporary so
it would last until the novel of this
cold spell was over. It seems to be slight
as we manage to keep a big fire in it
in safety - I have you many
many times for your kind visit here
and your many excellent suggestions which
I'll assume you were deeply carried out.
Neither duty or myself are narrow
minded always open to conviction
appreciating at all times the wisdom
of those superior to us in thought

the Lord, safety of mind, that the dear
Grandmother's face will live in my
memory, always, the luxury of the Lord,
his Dignity, his nobility of Character, his
Sacredness of Motherhood, his Idolatry of
the Lamb of God & Man, she has most
unreliably left behind to be scatter-
ed broadcast amongst us pitiful
mourners, that we might be strengthen-
ed to walk with conscience clear
in this Sacred Dark, so that when our
end comes we can Recently receive
the Blessings at the Gates of Heaven:
Extend to all the afflicted family

Tommy's

DEAR

Adams:

Dear my grief in silence is a sin.
- don't see how I can write to let
you all know what a suffering I have
been made through the sad and de-
lous of the dear darling Mother & dear
mother. My loyal devotion to the "new"
Angel has been steadfast since our
last meeting and I have never failed
to offer a prayer in behalf of the dear
one's health and long life. Now that
she has gone and left us, I much ask

Burlington - N. J.
December - 18th 1912

My dear Mother -

Your very sweet and
kind invitation to spend Christmas
Day with you all - will be accepted
with a great deal of pleasure -

After the many years that has
elapsed since my last Christmas
at home - you cannot imagine
the great joy your invitation has
given me - In this - Beatrice shares
my enthusiasm - and we are
anxious for the Day -

Give my love to Aunt Grace
whom I was overjoyed to see
again - With loads of love to
your dear self and a goodnight
kiss - as ever

affectionately your son
Tom

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Burlington - N. J.
January - 5th - 1913

My dear Mother -

Better late than never -
to thank you for the glorious Christmas
Day we had with you all - Everyone
seemed to be so very sweet and kind
to Beatrice and I - that it was very
hard for us to bid you good-bye -
The Day was one we shall not
soon forget - and Beatrice and I
will talk about it for a long time
to come - Our own little gathering
on the following day was also a
great success - everyone seemed
to enjoy themselves to their hearts
content - the moving pictures were
perfect - and we had one glorious
evening -

I hope Mother the New Year will
bring you a great deal of happiness
5-2654

and that you will have all kinds²
of good luck -

Beatrice and I enjoyed your letter
very much - and sincerely hope by
this time Father's cold is greatly
improved - I am just getting
over a bad cold myself - and I
don't know of anything that makes
you feel so very miserable as a
cold -

Well mother - will close for this
time - With a goodnight kiss
and lots of love - as ever -

affectionately your son
Tom -

Burlington - N. J.

Sept. 18th 1913

Dear mother -

Time has just flown and I have fairly hung on to its wings with not a moment wasted - still dear mother I have never plighted you in thoughts and I will never cease loving you - Just now I am a trifle worried over Father's health and write you to learn just how he is doing - I have not written him of late mother - because I know how necessary it is not to tax him with unimportant mail - when so much of his time is given to the world at large -

However I certainly would appreciate a line from you mother - telling me about your own health as well as that of Father's - Hoping this little note finds you all in

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the midst of smiles. and all young
well - I am as ever. Your devoted

Tom

Beatrice sends best love

Burlington - N.J.

March - 15th 1919

Ans. Howard. J. P.
Fla.
My dear Mother -

Your kind and thoughtful
postal reached us in safety - but imprisoned
in banks of snow - It was almost weird
looking at the Postcard of your beautiful
Florida home surrounded by the warmth
of the greens and blossoms - and here
within 27 hours reach nothing but snow
and ice - Mother dear you and Father did
not leave the North any too soon as the
weather has been truly inhuman and the
only cheerful thing about it was the
knowledge that you all escaped it - Im
sure Father would have suffered had
he stayed in Orange - I was so glad
to read of the good time you all are having
Mr Burroughs is surely great - Beatrice
and I wanted to see you off from West
Philadelphia but the time from that Station
was so limited we left Flowers in the
Trainmaster's care which we thought would
tell our message - knowing the haste of
these Florida Specials I was wondering
if these Flowers ever reached you - You will

5-4420

pardon me mother for mentioning this trivial²
token - its not for their value - but we wanted
you and Father to hear from us and so bought
the Flowers to act in our absence at times -

When are you planning to return? I am
sure Maxwell Park must look sad and
dreary without your coming and going -

My head is much better today but the
winters are always severe on my health -
This morning a group of Spring Birds
played about our bedroom window so
now I feel confident the winter has
passed -

Write me dear mother - I more
than appreciate the time you give me - We
are still enjoying the delicious grapefruit.

Give my love to your dear household
including the guests - All my usual
devotion to your dear self and Father whom
I only trust will return in vigorous health -
Beatrice joins in all kinds of loving
greetings - Try and write me soon -

Your affectionate son
Tom

Mr Harris
letter

Burlington - N. J.
December - 10th - 1917

My dear Mother,

I cannot find words that would express my great admiration for your wonderful courage - I simply cannot get over how beautiful you and Father have taken this great calamity that is such a sad loss to us all - I use the word beautiful because everything about you both - your spirit - your courage - your example is beautiful to me -

If the world and its people do not profit by the example you have set - it is because they are cold - unappreciative and lack sentiment in every form -

I hope from the bottom of my heart that good health will favor you both - If there is anything in the world I can do for you - please command me -

With love and kisses to you both - Believe
me

your affectionate son
Tom

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Burlington - N. J.
March 10th - 18-

Dear Mother -

Your generous gift of picture frames reached us safely and in good condition - It was extremely kind of you Mother to think of us in this manner as no one in the world could use presents of this sort more than myself - Of late most of my spare time in the evening has been devoted to painting - one canvas I had all but finished when the frames arrived - One of my pictures just fit to perfection in the long gift frame - and the beautiful large frame will have a canvas just as quickly as my brushes will paint - You have no idea of our enthusiasm over them and both Beatrice and myself thank you in a million different ways - This

S - 532

morning I read of another break
out of fire up at the Factory—
Please do write me - Was it serious
or did the papers exaggerate?
Please let us hear from you and
won't you try and come down?
Again thanking you for your
faithful thoughts of us in which
Beatrice joins - I close hoping you
will find time to drop me a little
note With much love and kinness
ever your devoted pers

Tom

1918.

"THE BARRACKS"
BURLINGTON, N. J.

Dear Mother - Not one knot from Life's
Tragedies has we suffered, nor a shadow
of Gloom from the Harrowing, World War.
- the, we again meet in the Offices of
Thomas going where Love ^{has} triumphed
we Fair - In the passing of Time,
Again, we are ever beside you ^{as} while
our Voices permit, the Echo of our
Sincerity / yours from our Hearts - Let
us unite with your many Loved ones in
the Sing of All Glory to you ^{and} the Bene-
dictum of a Holy Thomas going

With love and affection from
Tom and Beatrice

= November twenty eighth =

Orange - N. J.

January - 23rd - 1919

Dear Mother -

It was mighty sweet of you to write me after so long a silence - I cannot tell you how much I enjoyed your letter and to think I still occupy a place in your thoughts -

The war was certainly a greater tragedy than will ever be known and we who were spared from its weapons have much to be thankful for - I keep fairly well - sorry I cannot say my headaches have left me - as occasionally I go through great sufferings -

I am glad you keep well which is a great blessing - as so many of us look to you and most of us lean on you and you never complain -

This tiny apartment we took for the winter is certainly a comfort to me for its warmth with the strain of coming for the furnace lifted at least for a while - I wish you would come see us - but I suppose this is almost a prohibitive hope as so many things occupy your every second - however, I will not despair as patience eventually wins out - Give my love to Father and all other members of the family - with much love to your dear self - I am always -

very affectionately

Tom

92 Berwyn St.

5-4425

THE PLAZA
New York

Not knowing your exact
plans for today I
think I had better send
my daily Bulletin as usual
as you may be too tired for
further exertion - Of course
I am as anxious about
Hessle John's life ^{as} her expected
and but take for granted no

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and not picking any representation
I had I called Dr. Kelly who came
within a short time ^{was} found a vast
amount of hardened wood was the
culprit breaking the timber - thought
we are much more comfortable after
many hot injections of Eucalypti & oil
this & pilocarpin is proving invaluable
your brain. He will be out very about
night kisses ^{and} make you often most in

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news is good news - under -
standing the publicity of
hospitals I felt timid in
calling up to learn particu-
-lars. I tell you all this
I want to let you know where
we of ants ^{and} Langley have
how today - now about our
Day - we had a Christmas
morning - the dear Boyls -
developed a severe Earache

in Prayers ^{ing} post for me on letter chat ⁷
~~will~~ you feel more refreshed - Sincerely
Dana & Beatrix

of 45⁰ Pm.

July thirteenth 1922

THE PLAZA
NEW YORK

The Sazo go, varying in their
me as ours, yet are full - The
Day has had a splendid
Monday all the way through
mingled with many laughs
& foreign to the dear child's
maserip - We were thinking
of you all day & our ^{ing} talk
of you with so much pride

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my spoiled child. So Henry was
quite upset over the action that took
place as we in his car. Mr. Henry in-
sists on keeping up the investigations for
several days to come. - He and I
were very glad of the Glorification
of the arrival of our new little baby
and I pray for Heaven ^{my} baby will
keep for me all respects from the young
ambitious Bishop - Will recall this again

2
to Dr. Tolney who spent much
time with us this evening
enjoying conditions of the Bay
with a small cup of coffee
and indulging his visit
with you Seaside through the
lovable intimate multiper-
tialism of Tom - Dr. Riley
"who was also present" which
thru each of you can med-
ding tears of affection to any
man's eyes - that is certainly

before it grows later so will improve ⁴
our Lord night Kiss with our Stead-
fast Love. *Sincerely Yours* *Samuel Butler*

94^o Bm. July thirty first. 22.

THE PLAZA
NEW YORK

Did even though the Telephone
manager to reach you to day
again, but to no avail as each
time the report was busy here
Nothing new developed here, the
Sizzenies clearing up good.
Wally and me the back - do.
Selvey will have the Day over
to-morrow, and I am also what
the Clerk had to say - We

5-4438

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Landed him - He has had this case -
written now since the 30th of something
entirely new to Dr. Riley ^{my} & nothing
so I gave them a history of it & the physi-
cians ^{my} & nothing ^{my} & nothing ^{my} & nothing ^{my} & nothing
- tried it and in ^{my} & nothing ^{my} & nothing ^{my} & nothing
- cases which would clear up by itself all
of which I am very ^{my} & nothing ^{my} & nothing ^{my} & nothing
I hope you all are well and in Devon

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I have made two trips to the Eye
Specialist a Dr. John E. Weeks
of 46 - East - 5th Street who
found the trouble in the muscles
of the Eye, but no Disease -
The Eye Eye Disease is so
distinct & at present its al-
most impossible for the poor
Child to walk. Dr. Willie came
over to see him in the Park
for the better part of the day -
The poor Child says so much
it was easier for Willie to

intirely recovered - Worked every night
Last night of prayer covering your
heart ^{and} soul of mind and all
and ^{and} kisses always your true friend
Thomas ^{and} Daltner -

Sunday August - 6th 1922 -

THE PLAZA
NEW YORK

Just put my shield to bed
As has had quite some dis-
gust today & air but abso-
lutely free from pain. Dr
Fleming says its a Circulatory
condition and not spinal.
Poor dear Boy feels badly
over his staggering and can't
get out alone. I am in exactly
the same position as you left

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we actually loved to the ²
Camp side - Hope you had a
delightful visit with Aunt
Grace and a pleasant journey
to Orange - Tell us how ^{and}
the family had a very nice
from your devoted Aunt & Uncle

August - finish - 1922
845 - P. -

THOMAS A. EDISON, JUNIOR
CHARGE, NEW JERSEY

My dear Father -

I can't tell you how sorry
and grieved I am to think anything
cruel should cause you pain or discomfort
of any nature - I may not do a lot of
talking - but I suffer whenever you suffer
and I am trusting faithfully your trip
into the beautiful southern climate
will invigorate your entire body and
you will return Home your own spirited
self - With all my love and a safe
journey - always

Your devoted son

Tom

THOMAS A. EDISON, JUNIOR
ORANGE, NEW JERSEY

My darling Mother -

Knowing your many cares
and anxieties - I tried not to disturb you -
but my heart was in Glenmont and I have
grieved beyond words over Father's illness
and your responsibilities - I am very happy
to learn of your trip South as I know only
too well what it will mean to both your
dear self and Father - and I am thankful
you are both spared to make the trip
together - I trust the little vacation will
refresh you Mother dear and bring you
back to us all in new health - Please
give Madeleine our Congratulations -

With all my love - I am ever

Your devoted Son
Tom

THOMAS A. EDISON, JUNIOR
ORANGE, NEW JERSEY

March - 25th - 1923

My darling Mother -

We surely enjoyed your letter and appreciated it more - knowing how every hour of your time belongs to every body but your dear self. The past four or five days have been much more livable as the weather all through this month has been treacherous -

I can't tell you how happy I am to think your dear self and Father are protected in Sunshine and Flowers and I only wish I had the Power to keep you both wrapped in just such atmosphere all through your lives -

I haven't felt any too strong throughout the winter but I am hoping the warmth of Spring will give me the tonic I apparently need - I probably will let Dr. Titmey look me over at his office one day this week - I am glad Father improved so nicely and I am sure with your care he is gaining every day -

It was sweet of you to let us know of madeline's recovery as we were very anxious for some word from someone who really knew -

If you have another opportunity mother drop
me a line for I always love to hear from you -
Beatrice joins in endless love and with my
same devotion.

Affectionately
Tom

Orange - N. J.
May. 22nd - 1928

my dear Mother -

Well - here I am at last - writing
to you - something I have been going to do every
day for months - The fact of my silence
on my part does not by any means indicate
that I have not thought of you Mother - for it
wouldn't be true - I do think of you just as
often and as much as I always do - how
such as I have for you never changes - Indeed
it is cruel at times I'll admit - but the privilege
of having someone so dear and kind as you
are Mother - makes it all so much easier -
Now that that is off my mind - I will try
and tell you a few things that are more
interesting to you - I am now in my
little Studio - which room is used for about
every purpose known - from drilling holes in
steel to painting menu cards - Once a week
or so I have occasion to run up to the Plant
and often see Charles and Ted and also
Uncle John - They are all working as hard
as usual - but I cannot say that they look
any too well - I never really had the opportunity

before of knowing Ted until very recently -
somehow that privilege was always denied
me - but lately I have talked with him a
great deal and can very truthfully say - that he
is one of the finest boys and has the finest
mind of any human being I have ever known
or ever heard of - I really don't believe any
of us know him as he is - to me he is wonderful
and that is all I can say - I idealize him - but
I never want him to know it - I often think
how very fortunate and happy you should be
in having such two fine boys ~~and~~ Charles
and Ted as sons - they are all one could
wish for - it seems to me -

Well mother - the weather up here has been
simply terrific - but I am willing to gamble
that irregardless of the weather - you would
rather be up here right now amongst the
flowers and the beauty of the country - what
could be more beautiful than Spring? Mother
Nature seems as though she wants to show
us just how nice she can look - if she
really wants to dress up -

Give my love to Father - when are you coming
up mother? we sure do miss you -
Keep in good health - with all my love
to you both -

Affectionately
Tom -

Please excuse writing -

Private Tel- 7850 #18 North Center St.
7850 Orange-
N. J.

My dear Mother -

I have been wondering if you have forgotten - some one who loves you dearly and who is tucked away in a little room on rather Studio down here in Orange. I have been patiently awaiting a little visit - for I would love to see you if that pleasure is only for a moment. I have a nice little room that my devoted friend Harry and I have fixed up with what we had in anticipation of your expected visit - and we will try and make you as comfortable as possible.

I saw Father the day after he arrived home - at the laboratory - His greetings were as cordial as I should expect - I suppose - But it is hard indeed for me to become reconciled to his malice towards me - How happy I am that this feeling was not an inheritance of mine - for I seem to love everyone - and could not even though I may have reason - bear ill will towards anyone - God wills it otherwise -
Even though I would love to - I cannot - feeling as I do - run up to your happy home and see you - So I ask you please to come down and see me - Please come - always affectionately
Please let me know ~~by telephone~~ when you are coming - so I will ~~be~~ be here - Tom 5-4454

"adams"

Wish your Mind ^{was} brack full of Loving
Responsibilities, Give your Pure self
More of doing you stole an inhuman
Moment to Carve the Bay I wish
Valentine of fiction - My imparting
of Knowledge, & I desire in a clear
part pay of our Sentiment, I suffer
a great handicap, although my inner
self strives to give to the Pen the melting
Vices of our Souls - Our joints are
such that your every touch has an infinite
Value: The pen all well & things going
along in the same uniform fashion, the
Coffee still the pilgrim spirit in welcome
-ing all who enter our Castle - The Lady

Happy you at Father's Luncheon. I understood
 him "Father" by the "Gingers". It was sad to
 note the great change in the breaking down
 of work of so many of the dear early Co workers
 of Father; still their Enthusiasm of Loyalty
 was just as powerful. Mr. Lieb is quite thin
 and drawn looking. Made much more of
 Aunt Mary made their empty chairs more
 strange by your presence. A Mr. Osborn introduced
 with descriptive Slides of the progress of
 Father's Museum now under construction
 in at Fairborn. It was very very interesting.
 Take care of your self of feeling and please
 please dear don't take cold. Love Bless
 you all. "Bring you home happy & fresh &
 all in the best of health in your mind
 and in health
 Love from the "Gingers"
 February 20 1899

"at Home"

Here there are we apart - Sweethearts in
all my prayers. and we is this time of us
you all. and I am trusting in my heart
that Fair all will be answered. - Mother
feeling the weather here has been quite erratic
and many are suffering colds - Sunday
at Church I met and spoke with Mrs.
Updine and I was happy to find her
"Mrs Updine" so improved in health -
- was quite cheerful. In passing she
indicated a collection of Fair Magazine
we enjoyed, I am immensely ^{and} thank you
affectionately in thank of your interest
with us - The Day Keeps extremely well,
5-4972

in the West Coast to Spain the new
 idea of Electric Iron Furnaces Success
 The King said he will write you within a
 in a day or two as he is anxious to finish
 some drawings necessary to the development
 of the same. When you have a moment in
 which you may hide away in your wardrobe
 corner drop us a post card. We love you
 truly and your ideas means us very well.
 With our love & best regards to all
 always your very own Tom & Daisy -
 February. Truly yours your mother and sister

Orange - N. J.
March - 7th 1921

my darling mother -

Please excuse pencil and paper - I am down here in my little shop and writing material does not seem to be part of the picture around here - Your dear sweet letter was received and as usual greatly appreciated - Now that this is all over - I will attempt to correct a few of your views regarding a very important subject - The feeling of love is so little understood - it is constantly being abused and cast around like it was nothing - mother you are greatly mistaken when you say that no one cares for you - We all love you very very dearly - it may be that our different ways of showing it are not very impressive - Speaking for myself - I want you to know and never doubt that the sincerest love I have for you - is one of the most loyal and devoted - some day perhaps you will realize this more than you do now - but please believe me mother darling I love you dearly and always have - Beatrice loves you too mother - she is always thinking of you and constantly wondering what she can do for you to make you happy - We naturally miss you and Father up here - you seem to be so far away - I don't like it very much - wish you were here right now -

Well mother - everything seems to be going along as usual around here - Charles has been ill as you probably know - but is coming around alright - poor boy I am afraid he has too much on his shoulders - the strain is gigantic - Ted went out west to look after some matters he is interested in - I believe it is in connection with the Radio - I see Uncle John every few days - he seems to be well and busy - we had lunch together a few days ago -

For myself - I can only say - that I never was so busy - at present am working out problems in connection with

Household Electric appliances - such as Toaster, Grills
Waffle Irons etc - I just love the work - for you run
up against some very interesting problems -

I cannot close these few lines without speaking
of our dear little Polly - it is only a doll it is true - But
Beatrice and I love it dearly - it has become a very
important part of our family - I know it has a soul - and
if it could speak - she too would send her love to you -

I am very sorry Father has so much trouble with his
stomach - it is too bad that one who has done so much
for the world has to suffer at all - But what can we do
if he could only shift it over to me - how gladly I would
bear it

Well mother darling please write us soon - we dearly
love your letters - and if there is anything we can do for
you up here - let us know -

With love and Devotion to your dear sweet self and I
of love to Father -

always The same

Tom

June - 9th 21

my dear mother -

It was mighty sweet of you to call me up the other day - with all the many other things you had on your mind - it was indeed a very great pleasure to me to feel that you thought of me at all - when Cousin Edith called me up and said that you had been down to the laboratory and tried to get in touch with me - I was speechless - I simply cannot quite understand why someone couldn't locate me - I must have been around somewhere - although the plant Saturday afternoon looks like a deserted village - However mother - you will soon be home amongst us all again - and I for one will dearly love to see you - I felt a little sorry that no one mentioned of made much illness - The first I heard of it was through the press - and I certainly was surprised - for I didn't know that she was even sick - However through Cousin Edith and various other sources - I am kept very well informed and am very happy to learn that she is getting along so well.

I want to thank you most sincerely mother for your many kind thoughts of us this winter - we enjoyed the fruit and every thing you sent us - very greatly -

I expect this little note will reach you - night in the middle of your packing - getting ready to come home to us all - where you belong - I always dread having you and Father so far away - Will say good-bye - just for a little while - With love and kisses to you and dear Father -

Devotedly

Tom

family

Ton

Nov-8-1929

my dear Mother

Just a few lines to let you know that I am thinking of you - As a matter of fact I think of you and Father a great deal more than you will ever know - for I love you both very dearly - Someday perhaps God will grant me the power to show that I do - But at present it really seems so far away - it makes me very sad at times - No matter how many times I wanted to run up to Glenmont to talk with you - something tells me - that perhaps I had better not - for fear that my presence might bring up some unhappy thought - and this is the very last thing in the world I want to do - So mother I suffer in silence and remain away - In your very kind and sweet letter to Beatrice - you mention that you are going South on Dec-5th - Well Mother dear - I don't know just how Christmas Day will be without you to all the others - But as to myself - I can only say that the Day will only be a blank one - It really will mean nothing to me without you - you are the life of the Party - However Father's health comes first always - and as long as he is well and happy - it is selfish to think of ourselves and our pleasures - how indeed is a beautiful thing - and how easy

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It is to make a sacrifice - when how is so deep. 2

Am keeping very busy these days working out problems in connection with Toasters - Irons and a number of other devices they have assigned to me. - When you are down in Orange - run in to see me at my little shop. - I would love to have you - if it is only for a minute -

With love to you both and a goodnight kiss

Devotedly
Tom

x

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Tom (B)

Orange - N. J.

April - 20th - 1930

My dear Mother -

Today is Easterday and I
feel I couldn't find a better day in all the
year to write you - Your letter of a few
days ago was received and as usual more
than enjoyed - also the candy which was
all you said it was - On top of all this
came your sweet telegram of Easter
greeting this morning - You never
will know Mother how deeply Beatrice
and I appreciate your kind and dear
thoughts of us - and I want to assure
you that it is a great big comfort to
us both -

Beatrice it seems is kept on the jump
taking care of those who are ill - Her
sister Pansy has been seriously ill for
the past three months and everyday
she goes over to New York to take care
of her - Every midnight making broths
and whatnot to distribute around to
her various charges - Early in the morning
she is loaded down with about everything
you can think of - ready to go and do
her share - However I feel Mother that

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she is trying to do too much - for she looks
very tired - and I am worried about her - Of
course she never complains - and this makes
it worse -

You dont know how glad we all will be
to have you back home again - It seems
like ages since you went away - Everything
looks very beautiful up here now - The
buds and flowers and the songs of the
birds - what a wonderful world this all
is anyway -

You ask in your letter how business is
mother - I am very sorry to say that I am
not in a position to know just how it is
at the Plant - But there is a general depression
in almost all lines of business at the
present time and I suppose it affects us
as it does others - I see Charles and Ted
most everyday and the more I see them
and know them the harder it is for me
to realize my position - I want to help
them - and I know I could in many ways -
but my position as an outsider causes me
to feel that I shouldn't intrude - and I do
not - I try to do the work assigned to
me and usually am kept quite busy - at
the present time am working on a Commercial
Toaster - and am getting along very well
so far -

Give my love to Father - and please keep
a great deal yourself -

Devotedly

Tom

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**Family Records Series -- Charles Edison Fund Collection
Edison-Miller Family Papers
William Leslie Edison and Blanche Travers Edison**

The selected items in this folder cover the years 1912-1930. They consist primarily of letters from William L. Edison to his stepmother Mina Miller Edison. Included are references to William's business career, his involvement in World War I, and his troubled relationship with his family. There is also an undated letter by Blanche, probably from 1930 or 1931, regarding a visit with the Edison family and their guests, including Harvey Firestone.

Salisbury, Md.
Dec 16th 1912.

My dear Mother:-

On Wednesday, I am shipping to you, one of our milk fed turkeys which I hope you all will enjoy. While these turkeys are not of the very large breed, it will weigh in the neighborhood of sixteen pounds. The meat is more tender than our large stock, some we killed today weighing over thirty pounds.

Blanche raised over a hundred this year and she is more than delighted as she has her eye on a dining room suite that she has been wishing for, the past year and I guess she will get it from all indications.

We are disposing of our entire lot of fowl this fall as we are moving to Phila, this spring where I have several positions offered to me. I would gladly send you a brace of wild duck but the laws here forbid shipping out of state.

Trusting that you all are enjoying the best of health, and that you will tell Madeleine that I wish her every happiness in the world, I wish you all a merry Xmas and a happy - New Year.

Lovingly
Williams.

TELEPHONE 1222-N MORRISTOWN

WILLIAM L. EDISON
MORRISTOWN, N. J.

AUTO ACCESSORIES
MANUFACTURERS' AGENT
TO THE TRADE ONLY

My Dear Mother;

Wee Gatos I suppose you are having a fine time and the weather must be simply perfect.

At last winter has received a poke in the slats and the long waited for spring is with us, yours truly being so thankful that he cant stay in the house long enough to sleep.

The roads nowever are impassible and even the mail wagon has to have four horses to pull him through the bad spots. Some place this.

We are leaving this place this summer moving nearer to Morrystown and ^{an} a more up to date house, as this place is rapidly going to the dogs, the beams and all the underpinning being decayed. In fact carpenters who have looked the place over say that it will fall in, within two years.

Week after week, this winter the roads were so blocked that we could not leave the place and this is certainly no place for a white man to live.

Of course we did not know all circumstances about the place when we first moved in, but suffice to say that not a single house has been built or a piece of ground sold on this road for the past thirty five years.

This alone will show you that it is a popular location. A few of the Old Morrystonian families who settled here years ago are with us but I am of the opinion that they remain for the reason they cant sell out and move.

I have just received notification of my election to the Whippany River Club, one of the Most exclusive clubs in Morrystown and in the state.

I am very fond of the Morrystonians and we have made lots of friends

12-6602

TELEPHONE 1223-M MORRISTOWN

WILLIAM L. EDISON
MORRISTOWN, N. J.

AUTO ACCESSORIES
MANUFACTURERS' AGENT
TO THE TRADE ONLY

The best people here and I would not be tempted to leave for any cause.

Blanche of course likes it well as she is interested in her St. Peters Church and her work in the "Trenches" is exceedingly interesting.

You must certainly run up and see us shortly after you return and before we move as it is rather embarrassing to keep on trying to make excuses for your not coming to see us and do you realize that we are only nineteen miles from your house and but an hours run from there, yet in the three years we have been here you have never been to our home. One might as well try to stop the earth as to stop people from gossiping and at times it seems rather hard trying to explain a condition that does not exist.

There may be a reason but if there is I am entirely in the dark as to what it can be. Of course I appreciate the fact that as far as family is concerned, I am practically an outside member and this fact was driven in when I telephoned the house and John Sloane answered. I asked if we could see Madeleine and his reply was "Come down in a week as only the IMMEDIATE FAMILY have been allowed to see her." So that let me out then and there. Couldnt be much plainer, could it?.

Affectionately,

Sunday.

William

Dear Mother:-

Many thanks for your letter which came on my birthday. I would have answered sooner but my entire time has been taken up in getting rid of a badly bruised leg. In trying out a new caterpillar tractor, I lost control. She stood right up on her hind legs, so to speak and then flopped over. I also flopped over at the same time and six thousand pounds of iron landed with a sickening thud just two inches away from my face. My leg was caught under the seat and X-ray shows that no bones were broken but several ligaments were put out of commission. I am able to walk a little but unless water on the knee develops, I will give her another trial, but I will try and keep her from doing any more aerial stunts. I know how tiresome is this matter of hanging around a boat day & night and I guess you both will be glad when the bugle blows "quit".

John + Madeline will like Washington I am sure. I spent several delightful years there and made many good friends, many which I retain, for I see them from time to time.

I have just been elected to membership of the Aerial League, 25 fence league and several others why I don't know. But probably due to the fact that I look as though I could put up a good fight when called upon.

just at present however, I am more interested with my duties in connection with the State Farm Service League and other leagues regarding the welfare of the farmer and food conservation. I have also been requested to serve on the State Hoover Committee but this will take much of my time and I cannot give up much time on account of having to be a wet nurse to a bunch of lazy, good for nothing tractor drivers.

If I don't get better help in the future, I will go at get a job as State gazer at the "bughouse" at Morris Plains. This locality is just fine. Bughouse and the farmhouse right at your back door. Take your choice. This help question has my goat. Some weeks ago I got so mad at one of my men that I grabbed him by the neck, pulled him off the tractor and gave him a few jabs in the face for good luck.

He was so drunk he was going round and round the field without even pulling the plows in the ground. When I got through with him, he ran for morvatown like a scared cat and I have never laid eyes on him since.

For two weeks his work was excellent, then showed up until the fatal day. This is the kind of trouble I am up against. What make me mad, is the fact that I have thousands of dollars worth of work on hand and no help that can do it. But I am going to get there and work this thing out if Ave got to stand on
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my game leg and wait ten years to do it.

Our house is all being done over. The outside is to have old Colonial shingles put on and the interior is being remodeled and re-decorated. It certainly is going to be a very attractive place, in fact one of the most attractive small places around Montserrat.

Blanche has just passed examinations for the Red Cross nursing and has been appointed Captain on one of the Liberty Loan Committees and with her work at the "Trench" she has about all she can handle. With love to you both and with hope that your "yacht" affair will be over soon. I am, as always,

Lovingly

Sunday.

William

My dear Mother:-

Wm. Williams
Edison
A happy New year to you all. We were very

sorry not to have been able to come down Xmas as I know you all had a very enjoyable time. We are taking Blanche to Newark tomorrow in a closed car and thence via Penna R.R. to her sisters home outside of Wilmington. She has been a pretty sick woman for many weeks and today has been the first that the doctors would allow her to be moved. She will be better attended at her sisters home as they are very well to do and the entire Wauley family are very fond of Blanche and nothing is too good for her.

They even wanted to send a private auto ambulance all the way from Philadelphia to Wilmington. We refused this on account of the road conditions. Mr Packard, the owner of the house we occupy, is making extensive alterations to the house and grounds and we are very happy in the thought that by next summer we will have one of the prettiest small homes around Morristown. He is putting about ten thousand dollars worth of improvements. Quite a tidy sum in these times. I am the boss here, so I will return after Blanche gets off at Newark, as the old saying is true, "when the cats are gone the mice will play".

I designed all the improvements and must see that they are carried out properly. We have as many as seven men working at a time but this weather has caused most of the men to have cold feet and quit. Two nights ago the thermometer stood at 20 degrees below zero and never rattled an eye until ten in the morning when it went to 14. I have a lot of wood cut and ready for delivery but no way to get it to town. Nobody will work, ^{two cold} 12-6603

There is a lot of suffering in Morristown, water mains frozen and the gas has given out. On top of that, there is mighty little coal. I don't know what this world is coming to. On top of it all I have had a fever from the war Sept. in regards to taking charge of a tractor unit and repair shop. "Overthere". I have answered, that if the country needs me, by all means I am ready to go, anywhere and any time.

I have come to the conclusion, that the time has arrived, when the best thing to do is to throw away your night shirt and sleep in your clothes.

The Old little U.S.A. will get us all sooner or later so there is no use trying to dodge the inevitable bit to put on your last years harness and go while the going is good. Having served the country outside of its boundaries, I am supposed to be exempt from further military duties, but that of course is not taken into consideration, when your country wants you and asks you to help.

Remember me to all and trusting the coming year will be a pleasant one and not full of sorrow, I am as always

lovingly
William

Morristown, N.J.
Wednesday.



ARMY AND NAVY
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
"WITH THE COLORS"



My dear Dad + mother -

I have been working like the very devil since I joined the army and yesterday I received my reward from the Commanding Officer.

As First Class Top Sergeant Mechanic I have been placed in charge of 9 Sergeants, 3 corporals, 94 privates, 10 motor cycles & drivers, 3 trucks & drivers, two repair tanks, two fighting and one supply tank. My work day amounts to about 14 hours from back private to the highest non-commissioned officer in a corps that ranks 4 points above any branch of the service. In four weeks is not as bad at that. I have passed every examination offered with flying colors. My next step is a commission which has been assured me on or after arrival in Hawaii.

We are all packed and ready for embarkation on the next outgoing transport and we hope to get away

the first of the week.² We are the 306
Salvage ~~Co~~ Company, every man
chosen as to his mechanical ability
and experience. To win out in such
a bunch is indeed an honor and I
was very happy when it was announced
that I was top man. I will telegraph
you when we leave and I hope some
member of the family can find time to
say good-bye, as it will be impossible
to obtain leave, even the officers themselves

The risks run by the Salvage Corps
is greater than any other branch as
our work is principally out in "no man's
land" and the percentage of hope, in
getting back whole, is somewhat less
than in other branches of the service.

I got my clothes and wish to thank
you for the money you sent for that
purpose. If not rubbing it in too
hard I would like to have a few
A.B.C. checks to carry over with me
to England, as money will be a
good serial, when over there and far
away from home. Anything can
be mailed here, to 306 Company
Camp. Colt, Kellysburg, and no



ARMY AND NAVY
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
"WITH THE COLORS"



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matter where we are a special messenger will be sent right after us to deliver mail and orders.

I may not be able to see you at all if we are ordered to embark at Phila, Balto or Norfolk. If we go to Camp Merritt for a day then all is O. K. but there is no telling what will happen. I am sending a photo of the company with yours truly looking like a bunch of sour grapes. I am enclosing my previous service discharge will you please have it put in a safe place. I never knew it was such a valuable piece of paper, until I realized. I may need it again.

With the chances of seeing you again, very small, I will bid you all good-bye and the best of luck to each and everyone. My serial no is - 3589940 - just shut down

in a book for future references.

I will write you again before leaving and surely upon arriving in England. We are bound for Harmond, England for a few weeks training and then direct to the firing lines in France. Think of me once in a while and have no worries about my making good or failing in my duties to the flag or country.

Love to all,

Billy

Sunday.

just heard we are off tomorrow but
don't know where we embark.

HILLTOP
HOBBSSTOWN, N. J.

My dear Mother -

I have been wanting to run down and see you all, but I will be hanged if Fate is not running alongside of me, jabbing me in the ribs all the time. To cap the climax, Blanchie's mother dropped dead two weeks ago and the three mourners are here and the morgue looks like a musical show, along side of this domestic just now.

I have finished the addition to the house and it certainly makes a decidedly better looking place all around. This gives two additional bed rooms with bath. Am installing hot water heat and look forward to a comfortable winter.

Have nearly completed three new outbuildings so you see I have been quite busy since I returned. Smashed my car up a bit last week so, that also, has to be added to the casualty list. but I am not worrying about anything, any longer. as I finished that course, while over the pond. I saw what worry did to many there and decided to quit, then and there, on the spot.

Will see you as soon as conditions return to normal. Love to all.

Oct 29th 1919.

Yours truly
Billy. 12-6703

Aunt Mary - Father ^{smiled}
through the window
on his charming sweet
way - Mr. Weston
waved a good-bye
with the memory of
your than language
fare well - we are
still feeling very happy

Darling Mother -
just a note
to say how very
thrilled we were
to have seen you
all - wished I
could have hugged
you. Love will end

was glad to have seen³
Aunt Mary and Uncle Will
& love your family - they
have always seemed
very near to me - Hope
dear Aunt Grace goes
to Florida - I hope to her
will be very hard for
a long time - This is all
the good - bye - much
happiness - perfect health
and lots of love from
your devoted
Phantom

**Family Records Series -- Charles Edison Fund Collection
Edison-Miller Family Papers
Grace Miller Hitchcock**

This folder contains correspondence to and from Grace Miller Hitchcock, sister of Mina Miller Edison. The three selected letters cover the years 1914 and 1931. An undated letter from Edith Edison Potter mentions the Edison family's 1914 "camping expedition" into the Everglades of Florida, in which Henry and Clara Ford also participated. An undated letter to Mina, probably written early in 1931, relates to the treatment of Grace and her sister Mary Nichols at the Battle Creek Sanitarium in Miami Springs, Florida. Also included is letter of sympathy from Charles Arthur Carlisle in regard to the death of Thomas Edison.

Not give me time, as that too
was not on time, - so I got to
the Penn. Station at 1/2 past
two o'clock - to see you all - you
must have made a gay party
and I was too disappointed for
anything to think I had missed
seeing you all - I expected you
had a fine time in Washington
I was in at Mary's the night
Thursday - and she said she
had a postal from three from
you - I was there for lunch,
and then to meet her at
the Morgan collection - where
Mrs. Smith joined us - and
Miss M. all took dinner, Mary

W. Howard Art.
East Orange.

My dear Annie - for since I was
seeing you off I have intended
to write you, and tell you how
sorry I was that I missed
you, I began waiting for
the inkley at - for your -
and the girls that were pro-
pelled with Phonograph you,
and I wanted you to know that
I was with the eyes on
"Car full" - that would not do
generally I went on to see
Lacharana - and got a train of
12-35 but you see that did

Mr Nichols - Frank and I with
Mr & Mrs Smith at his great
breakfast - where they are
living this winter. I have not
seen Mary since - John was
in a week or Sunday, and
he made him long - got tea long
he had to fly to Church, right
afterwards. Mr & Mrs Smith
were here, and Stanley made
me a whole rabbit, and some
delicious bones which were
delicious - he is a great cook
and I think I will have to
take some lessons
Oh, what are you all doing

with yourself since you returned
home - I expect you have
been very busy - catching
some stray items to be
such an accumulation of
a few weeks - but a hope
you found very thing in
good shape and all going
nicely when you returned
I suppose Lewis is back too
after his year in N. J.
and I hope he has brought
by this time. Tom Smith
I see to him, you will surely
some matter, you will surely
have read of our friend -

Which came at the rate of
eighty miles an hour - it
was fierce I can tell you -
and I dont know the folks
I saw will meet before
the middle of July - We
certainly have been making
up for the first part of
the winter - the Florida
family seem to be having a
fine time - I had a letter
from Blackie, telling about
their camping by prediction.
I am afraid I would have
seen the two birds - those
three snakes would have
about finished me -

Do you think you will
find them, or are you
so comfortably fixed at home
now - you hate to pull
up again - but with your
own admiration you must
do some travelling. Frank
just telephoned he would
love to be in Ohio on Sunday
a bit so coming off - till
he is fully there for the day
so I don't think it would
pay me this trip to go
with him. I'll wait
until it gets a little warmer

How is Grace Deymouth - Hope
she comes often to see you -
you in the way she shows you
her tea - I don't why don't you
go in and see Dick and Ella
when in Cleveland - 1906 Feb 84:
Frank is their address, and they
would love to have you -
Mr. Francis dear this is Monday
morning - and I love to - to
do - So I must stop - I am
going to post this in the
of Frank's envelope, so I have
no stamps to post you
are - I'll hope to get an
answer to this. With the
of love to you - John (1)

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My dear darling -

Instead of going to the beach where we have aimed many days & failed getting there at all. I am trying to write a bit - I notice a big improvement in my head when I try to write - it really is remarkable what diet can do - also the colon messages (amemas) do a lot - But that is depressing from the thought I had when I addressed you - I want to tell you how much & how often I think of what a darling you have been to me - and I have not said a word of thanks it seems for the last wonderful times I have had there with you - Then your first lovely letter came (I am going to have it typed so each can have a copy) and we enjoyed it so much then your last one - yes Dr. Kellogg received the boxes of fruit & spoke to me about them and seemed very happy over your thoughts of him. It would be fine if you & Thomas could come over here now as by Wednesday I think practically everybody will be gone and just the two Miss Estelle (one the head dietitian & very intelligent) and Dr. Kellogg

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himself, with only the required assistants will
be here - It would be quiet and you could
get the best attention. It has been rumored
he was closing this "hotel" part of it the first of
May but last night he told me it would be
open for any one who wanted it - I have not
asked him yet what the charges would be for
training some one. But keep your bowels cleaned
with revenues and drink plenty of orange juice
& eat green vegetables & relishes - santa soup - &
santa (as pepper) on things - take your massage
& cabinet baths occasionally & rest. Relax read
& enjoy life - who has a better right to a little time
for that than both you & ears?
Thanks for Louise's Easter card to me. I think John
& Florence are doing right & it is what John wants.
I think. I am so glad Olga seems to be so ²/₃
pleasantly for all concerned - give my love to them all.
I must write her myself. I am glad celebration
will be near you this summer.
I am glad you seemed to be getting pleasure from
the Plant. & always. It is wonderful how much pleasure
one can get from Plant life if allowed to become
interested - The Colored Boy Scout idea is a good
one -

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It is too bad about the bank food closing.
I do hope the country is not going to have
that kind of thing to face on top of the past.
I am sorry for Mrs. Critcher. She wrote us a
long letter about the lots & houses there but I do
not feel like doing anything of that kind.
I am entirely too unsettled in my own mind to
think of pinning myself to any special
locality - just at this moment I feel more
like being gypsy-like & keep roving - Then
again I want my own four walls of home
& I think as Grace Waymouth says - "Truly there
is nothing like the feeling of your own four walls
around you for a comfort & protection."
But of course she has no sisters & does not realize
what a comfort they can be. And I think just
for them every day - I do hope dear Thomas
is not going to continue to feel the heat but will
yet accustom to it - I wish Mr. could do some
thing to help you. (I did not mean to write
on the under side of this paper.)

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I am having a cook book mailed to you to-day - and I hope you will enjoy it down here.

Returning to Mrs Crutcher I wish you would choose a pretty Roman striped rug for me & have her send it to me - I'll see to send the bill for that & what else I owe her, to me in Pittsburgh. I am sorry for her - and I can use the rug - that may help a bit in disposing of one more article -

It would be lovely if we could be together more just quietly by ourselves - But if you were here, Miss dear, & taking treatments you have no time at all hardly. The time is so broken into. I seem to have no time for anything.

Miss dear while it is quiet for once & I seem to have a minute - how would it do, as to the Chautauque matter, for you to take over from me say \$15,000.00 of my \$35,000.00 in the warehouse (more or less as you feel) and I could better manage to get the rest for the contribution. It

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occurred to me this morning that if you could manage it or wish to arrange it you could give this to Charles after buying it from me (you know Hal & I took over the whole of Edward's share to get it back into the family & paid \$35,000 for it with ^{good} stocks) it would give Charles a direct interest in it - You know this 8th share (\$35,000) stood in Hal's name tho' it was mostly paid for by my own money - He always backed me in what I wanted to do & I wanted to do this for the family - I was worried me to have the uncertain complication of having outsiders in this matter we had to work & develop. I hope Charles feels fine & fit after his great victory & that he will come to the warehouse & take airtel interest in it - I can always meet him over there & could have my car there so I could help him about & in any way I can. Of the times ever become good & we can tide this over I feel it may become a very valuable piece of property. We just had one very fine month that made Hal & me very happy, when the depression came - and it really has held its own just as well if not better than many other good things.

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If you could take say \$15,000 of the \$35,000 I told that would leave \$10,000 for me to raise for Chautauques in other ways and then I could make my pledge to you of \$25,000 for Chautauque good + do it now. At least from here this moment the difference in the obligation I would incur makes it look more hopeful to me. At any rate when you want the thousand dollars which would be the interest from the \$25,000 = I assumed you can have it. Just speak the word + I will arrange the sending it to you - + where do you want it sent? I will look up that paper with the notes I jotted down as soon as I get home and then you can weave it in - I thought Dwight had it here but I do not find it - Now, Mima dear, as to the above, don't let that bother you - it is not at all necessary to do it that way at all - the additional idea of Charles having stock direct occurred to me this morning + it gives one a little prestige, tho' in this case it is not necessary, to own stock in the business you are directing. If you

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Think well of the idea - very good - if not
don't think any worse about it -
Then, too, as soon as we are sure that the
hotel matter is firmly settled - it seems
to me we could take up the matter of
applying that to the \$100,000 gift. I don't see
why it would not be very nice and I shall
think the trustees & all would like it -

Good bye, Mima dear, don't think Mary & I
are loafing altogether - we hardly see each
other all day as we are in different parts
taking our treatments & I will feel as if I were
on a vacation when we start north & don't have
to take our benzenas - tho' I am going to try to
continue them regularly. Temperature should be
110° if you can take them so. Why don't you try
to take one regularly every night. You should take
2 gts of water with 2 heaping tablespoonfuls of lacto-
dextrin dissolved in the first one & then repeat
until bowels are clean. Two are generally sufficient
tho' at B. C. Michigan they gave me three.
Must go now - (worse luck!) as we are going to a
little tea - Heart full of love to you & love to Bopie
Grace.

CHARLES ARTHUR CARLISLE
POST OFFICE BOX 877
SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

Dear Grace - I have thought of you
and all your family so often since
Mr. Edin's death and how you stood by
doing all your loving heart could suggest and
willing hands do - It was a great trial for you Edin
and for you - but your comfort and consolation was
that of experience, you know - and no one can know
that has not had the experience - My love and
sympathy was with you - I wanted to be there but
as you knew Eleanor and were in Atlanta and I
did not think it best to leave - You see thoughts
were with us on Thanksgiving day and you too remain
comfort you into me thoughts so we cannot face away - I
want to thank you dear Grace for thinking of us and for
your telegram - and I hope you are rested and again
fully accepted - if not come out to us, and we will
look after you - Alice she forgets and then too
children come up from Gramma's Indian
and Charles & Margie and their two lovely daughters
were at Woodson - Eleanor and the children - We had 66
for dinner and too big turkey on at each end of the
table - so we put it and thought of me love on - as
you think - We are all well and send love

Sincerely
C. A. Carlisle

Sunday
Nov 29/01

**Family Records Series -- Charles Edison Fund Collection
Edison-Miller Family Papers
Louise Igoe Miller**

The selected items in this folder cover the years 1917-1918 and 1928-1931 and consist primarily of letters to Mina Miller Edison from her sister-in-law Louise Igoe Miller. There is also one letter by Mina Edison to Louise and her daughter Rachel. Included are remarks concerning Louise's reaction to the death of her husband Robert Anderson Miller in 1911, her business activities and involvement in the Chautauqua Bird and Tree Club, and her role in Rachel's business ventures. Several letters discuss the participation of her sons Robert and Lewis in World War I. Also included are references to Edison's reception of an honorary medal from the U.S. Congress in 1928, a luncheon at Chautauqua attended by Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt in 1929, and Edison's final illness in 1931.

to do anything but rest - There ever since Monday they have had typhoid drill - and that is about the hardest work they have - Reuel Alice devoted yesterday to making them clothes - we got a box of them with crackers & jam - They all are wild for the crackers & jam because they are easy to eat -

I hope all your dear family are well - Reuel Alice is planning to go about July 5th to Chautauque for a week or two - and then I think I will have to go to Fort Rice -

These people seem to be coming back & hate you then - as I don't feel the danger but do not like very much the thought of getting you from home - There is to be a camp in Pelham - I only wish our boys would be transferred to it - A heart full of love always for your Nurse dear

Reuel Alice said John said something about me. Remine going to Chautauque - I think she would love it - and hope I can see to her pleasure - if she is there when we are -
Always lovingly
Annie

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Ponce - P. R. Nov. 12/77.
NEW YORK CITY.

Miss Darling
 You will never know what a joy & comfort your
 two lovely letters have been to me - I have fairly floated
 on them - and I truly needed them - for there has been
 a most strenuous & trying time, I think I have ever been
 through - in the business line - But everything seems to be
 adjusting itself - as I can look upon it more calmly &
 feel the clouds are rolling away - I stayed away too long
 & found everything in an upheaval - There came the
 organizing of the Labor Bureau - which cut down our
 work more than half - as they prohibited the City
 Labor - It really is quite right - as it is unnecessary for so
 many to be working in their little shops - but it of
 course keeps back our orders & has meant double work
 at the house - Tom is a wonder - I have applauded him
 but in love and I think it is all going to result in
 our good - one can't see that though unless something is
 going at once & serious - As for Tom & I have worked
 day & night to try to save up - Rachel Alice says you
 have been so busy to have your own perfect darling
 & my love for your dates back to the White Nile. I can
 only see you - with the white robe you were knitting
 in a large white silk kebabs - and you & sweet Rachel
 would discuss "Hottie's love" - and you know they say
 "Love begets love" and I believe it - I had hoped to be
 about ready to sail home for Thanksgiving - but am counting
 myself lucky to get away Dec. 12th - I am so sorry on
 account of Rachel Alice - but it means our peace of mind
 later on - and I know she understands it - It was sweet
 of you to take her to Europe & have Jimmie over for dinner
 they both appreciated it I surely do - Rachel used give up
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anything to go with you - this parcel I am enclosing
Lellie Agrie's Cassia which this last summer & it reminds
me so much of "Blument" that I have kept it on my desk.

To-day I am sending you by mail a few plants from my
garden - a Pandanus - Cassia - Passerina & this last
is the fiber plant - I hope they will reach you in good
condition - I think too it is better to get them into the
hands of a commercial dealer & he has finally succeeded
in interesting them - I think we will flourish on
these few specimens - as yet we are not up to the
mark in shipping - but will soon be - You mention
my asking you to ask Charles of Carter oil the commercial
value of these specimens? It seems they are using
it for soap - as it won't freeze and I have had
them good offers for all the beans we can raise - It
sounds big - but it takes so much time & money to
develop - and just now I am waiting for a cable from
the children to say if we shall or shall not sell our
fibre - We have a very good offer for it & of course if
we accept it that will end the Carter beans - I made
the first shipment the other day to N. Y. Carter oil firm
& felt very good - I feel each thousands of miles away
from you all - and with Lewis very down in Georgia.

This month war makes me fight to buy the great
news & I think you are surely doing it from all I hear -

To-day my girls reported there was a mob machine in
their water but I hardly believe it - I wish we could
send them all - They are going to confiscate the money
of all Germans on the island - and I think they should
buy peace - because they will naturally be sending help
to their own - There are some very influential men down
here in the Bank & his surgeon Central. I am glad to hear
Medicine is so pleasantly situated in beautiful Washington.

My choice of cities as a girl used to be Southampton, Washington
Boston & Detroit - I think they are all lovely & desirable
- Love to Mrs. Edwina Cha. This of her - and a heartful to
your dear sweet self - Keep me ever in my warmest feelings,
Dorothy Lewis

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Parse - P. R. Dec. 29/18 -

My Dear Darling -

It seems such ages since I have
 heard from you and now I am about to
 turn my face homeward. I do hope by
 some good chance you will be coming
 home - The last few days we have had
 such discouraging news from here that
 it finally makes me want to fly - and I know the
 boat will cry along - These beastly Germans - just
 like Demons - how I wish we could wipe them out
 of existence - But we do seem to move so slowly - I
 know everyone is doing the very best he can - and
 we have to be patient - but I have feet as heavy as lead
 for fear we may not get away before I know - but I
 haven't said so - as I am hoping for the best. -
 Now if this condition continues, it has to come.
 Mary writes me Theodor was pinned by a pile
 of wood that had fallen - I hope it didn't pain him
 or last very long - she didn't particularize - only said
 he was in excruciating pain for two hours & that seemed
 pretty serious - I never been thinking of measles
 & wondering if this month has brought us another
 little darling to love & to cherish - Rachel Alice writes
 we give her sent us some delicious grape-fruit. I
 think that is lovely & am looking forward to see
 trying some of it on my return - Mrs. Cohen has
 been with me which has made it very pleasant.
 I have worked every day like a Turk until yesterday
 we drove to Conans Springs for the day - It is a pleasant
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restful place - and I would like to have spent several days -
We have longed for some to make the Castro Pass you
but in all the time I have been here it has not seemed
over at the fence - But we have gone ahead with the
planting and our neighbor Dave says they will germinate
where it does rain - It was lovely that Charles & Gene
& that could be with you - I haven't been able to locate
Theodor whether he has been with you or on the
yacht - I always feel like asking hundreds of questions.

Everyone writes Rachel Alice is looking well - I think
she loves her mother Mrs. Merchant tells is in the same
mine with her mother now a beautiful letter saying their
chief study or rather she said probably took Rachel's paper &
held it up saying it was the best in the room - Must
that fine? And Rachel has never mentioned it -

I know Mr. Edison is working night & day & long to
have him give the money that I have seen he will &
that he is richly deserves - But by business dealing - I
should have to hardly a day that I do not think of you.

I know you are doing as wonderful work as any body
We will all look back on these days I hope as char-
acteristics - for there are so many things that seem
hard to understand - why other work - things, business
men should have any semblance of success is an
angel question - But it must all come out right
in the end - I hope all is well with you dear
people see Mary's letter to-day everything seemed
a light - Love more than you can ever know -

Sincerely,
Louise

Happy Easter to you all!

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NEW YORK CITY, May 14/18-

Dear Darling

Well, our train is almost home - It pleased us last night from Camp Mills - Garden City - Long Island - & we have been planning ever since - It didn't know when he could get away - He thought he might get a hour or 2 or 3 hours - in a short time so we are hoping in way or other to get him in - day or two - the only did send good + Rachel & I could hardly let him go - we said we would drive out - but he couldn't tell when he would be on his way - Any way he is near & if we don't see him in a day or two, we will have the risk & drive out - I do hope he will have to go with the news, that an being sent over this week

Robert Matthews a friend of Lewis (the son of Dr. Thales Matthews) pleased us Sunday - he is Lewis's care only other until after the wedding - Every one seems to be surprised with from their days - Mr. an looking forward to Friday - 3 P. M. - I wish Lewis is coming - I thought it would be fine if you could bring the photo of Mrs. Edmund + Mrs. Burroughs & Mr. Cook to gather in the woods - Dr. King told nearly he thought we could make this one of the greatest - Clubs - and I believe to - to extend in my direction the love of Nation would be one of the grandest work yet found - I called on Mrs. Vincent by Sunday week ago & found meant - To her mother's funeral - I have meant to write also had gone - I noticed in last night paper that she had died - It brought to mind dear mother will - she had been some time to see - that it began to look as though she had more on the other side than her - Mr. had better from Cor + Elizabeth - they expect to reach Cleveland May 20th - I wish they would come to the wedding - I am going to write you + that to see if they can't come - My best wish for dear father is that his married life may be as happy as his parents + I believe it will - Lewis had not received any of his letters so didn't know of the wedding - How are well the

dear ones at Elmwood - John tells me you had some
great pickings taken - all of which I hope you may see -
Rachel Alice & I have been working so hard in the garden
that we are so stiff we can hardly move - There is such a
tremendous lot to do - that we have to keep exhorting at
it - Good-bye mine dear - I will phone you if we know
definitely when Lewis is coming - as you might possibly
be coming in - Love to Wendelin - Tell her we are sending
a pillow - cover for the precious baby to rest his head on -
and am wishing Carolyn the beginning of a cash
set - Is Theodor home? Love without measure to
you mine darling -

Louis -

Wouldn't all this moving, interesting life be a joy to darling
Robert? He would be so fond of his little group!

MRS. ROBERT A. MILLER
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PONCE, PUNTO RICO

Oct 3/pt.

Miss Darling -

Thank you for the lovely invitation
to the presentation of the medal and the
photograph - It was one grand occasion
and how I would have loved to have
been there - I am going to always treasure
my invitation - for it is a noble recogni-
tion of a grand life - The Sunday Times
had a splendid account of it - and Rachel
& I enjoyed making it - Edith sent me
all the Pittsburgh snap shots - I suppose the
Times will have them next week - Junior
was so disappointed not to hear it over
the radio - Edith heard it very well - and
Lain & Helen were the home of a friend
where they could hear - It is almost
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staggering, when you realize the things²
Mr. Edman has done for humanity - I
thought it was secret of him when Sec.
Millen presented him with the medal -
and so soon as he accepted it, he handed
it to you - It makes one feel you are
so thoroughly one - such events only come
once in a life-time - Some how I don't
feel that we missed it - for it was all so
plainly a world affair - that you could not
help but feel of it - I know it has meant
a strenuous time for you - and now when
Tuesday is over, you can take a good long
breath - Just think after Rachel & I signed
our papers before a Notary for an absolute
ballot - they sent the enclosed letter in the
last mail - I say if Horner should lose by two
votes I certainly would contest it - But I guess he
will have a good majority - Lots of love, mine
dear & affectionate to you & your darling -
Auntie

Merry Christmas.



Dec. 27/28.

My dear Darling-

This is truly the ending of a perfect day - Mr. Cramer came over to see Joan yesterday from Paris - and reached this place in time to rest a bit before dinner - Mrs. Tanner is having a given party over the Yale table - and we feel very fortunate to be included - Mr. Cramer the sister that Lindberg had, when he was here and I am writing at the desk - when he wrote to Mr. Henrich from here - then had some looks out on the Bay - I know you would love it here - It is so quiet, and has a real air of romance and luxury - Mr. Cramer had a tour in the music room - when

is the blue & white check veil - as I have ² we need our presents - and then a ²
largely appropriated them them - and Rachel wonderful dinner at one o'clock - and
is quite looking forward to wearing this this evening went to another wonderful
others - They are too long for her but require dinner at Judge Wicks - you will need
very little attention - and mine require dinner at Judge Wicks - you will need
hardly none - I am pleased entirely with meeting Maria Wicks at the ship - she
them - and only like the number of them is the friend that does so much for Rachel
of your goodness will fall on me - when our love - There was to eat her dinner
I wear them - What a dear you were to The table also had a Christmas tree &
send them - I won't be able to close from it, was ribbon to each place with
to tell you about our gifts - as we are to a gift - And it was all lovely - I
have in a short time for Clara Ringler must tell you about the big box that
to spend the rest of the week - Mrs. Tanner came from you - we thought it was a
asked us to stay here - but Rachel has been Christmas box - and did not open it, until
over to the ship - four times since we were about to come over here - There
came - and the only way for her to get to! and behold! art found all the
a complete set is to get away - as I am wonderful dresses - Rachel & I were simply
thankful we are giving - I will write next day - and immediately abandoned
mail & tell your love good everyone has been everything else to put them on - The
to us - a heart overflowing with love for people and the black & white expense
you since darling - I think them is no chain are splendid for me - and as
my friend Beverly Lewis

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Just got the word from you about the furniture. You
were smart to have them look into it. I am trying to
get it from the end & hope it will soon be
settled. Our dresses are marvelous. Truly
from the morning I wrote early & I got to thinking
about you & I thought of the lovely dresses I used
to wear & wondered that you would want
them & I thought you would feel wrong. I'll
send you my savings to ask and then
for me of the summer dresses. And then the
box came, wasn't that funny.
A word of love, leading to a Christmas
& New Year kiss.

Your Godchild who

loves you. Rachel.

Feb. 6/82.

Miss Darling -

Your air-mail letter to Rachel has just come - you wrote of it was mailed Feb. 2 - and it reached here the 6th of Feb. - four days - while it takes 8 days - two days more we will send Mr. Edin on Friday even by air-mail - and be sure to see how much sooner it gets there than this. I think it is going to be a great joy this subject - I hope the Boston Herald - I think the best one I ever saw - you both look as contented and happy - The clipping Robt. sent me - I'd think Dr. Huddell has worked hard for Charleston - I should think Mrs. Carey's notes might get word from some Foreign Committee - such as Boston from Mrs. Grant. by no better way I might get the letter from Adm. Hays - I'd have - and the Chinese Minister who lives at the College in 1880 have done - I think the subject would be done - I wonder if to have a special paper & wonderful to have an Charleston Daily for these above - an letter in this will from Mrs. Mary Jane King - I have written her of the 10th of Jan. - I am sure to let me tell in every way I can - I will gladly follow any suggestions - Respectfully
L. L. L.



To
My
Valentine!

JANUARY 1929

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Tho' I'm not so very big
I'm a Happy Little Nig!
For the Portorican Sunshine's
in my Heart!!!

Then take me home with you
You'll find me good and true!
And never more from me
will want to part.

Louise Tgoe Miller

Towee, P. R.
Feb. 19/27

Missa Darling -

I am sending you in this mail
the Valentine poems I made for the Bridge
Club. It was our turn to entertain - and I
got the idea from the Christmas poems you
sent me - they made a great hit - I hope
they won't reach you, in a melted state -

You have been so constantly in my
thoughts. I have dreamed last night in
your or a pic-nic to-gather. Your life has
surely been full to the fullest - Rachel had
a letter from Margaret & Elizabeth yesterday
written in New York - when they had gone

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you won't get all tired out. In this week mail
Lewis wrote he was about to start with a party
of brokers to New Mexico - to investigate a Crime
in the District - The man who was to go from his
Bank lost his father-in-law & Lewis was sent
west - They were going to Albuquerque - and I
do hope Lewis met Will Reicher. Robert was so
fond of him - and I knew he would have been
pleased to meet Robert's son - I was going to call
& then saw Lewis would be returning before we
could get the cable - I wonder what has be-
come of Mary - I haven't heard from her for
several weeks - and hope she isn't ill - I saw
from the Richmond paper Judge Rowan & family
have sailed for Havana - then going to Key West
to fish - I wonder if they will get down your
way - All roads seem to lead to Ft. Myers. I
haven't told you Maria dear how much I am en-
joying the dress - I love the plain colored one

to attend the opera - another blessing you
sent - and Margaret wrote as though Mr.
Hoover would be with you on Mr. Edison's
Birthday - I hope he was. I wonder if you
had a chance to ask him for his favorite
flower for our Presidential Bouquet. Just think
when this reaches you the Birthday - the
Anniversary will be over and only a few short
days until the inaugural - Doesn't time just
simply fly along? - And of course all the
wonderful things that are happening will
make it seem shorter & shorter. I hope when
the train comes Monday eve. will not see
any something of the Birthday - and hope
better still to hear something from you about
the Anniversary - But I must have said it is
for you to write down things and do hope

and never wear it, but since we compliments -
it - The morning we are going out to lunch here I
am going to wear the blue checked one. I like
that too & the black & white check one - But
the plume comes first - and I can see you in
it, the day we all meet at the Lorraine for a
business meeting & I always have a good time when
I wear it - I'm going to a Bridge party in James
on Friday - quite an affair & I am wearing it then.

Prof. & Mrs. Edwin C. Jordan of the Chicago University
are in town from 10 to lecture before the Tropical
School of Medicine - They are coming over here for the
week end - I think she is the one who called on me
at the Old Oaks - a great friend of Mrs. Vincent. Robert
you writes Edith is very miserable with that gall bladder
trouble. Poor dear! I know it is very painful. Every
letter Lewis ends by saying no letter from Aunt Nina
or from Thornton - I think he gets really homesick
to hear from the family - a heart full of love

Devotedly Lewis

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Princess Nina

Feb 27/55

I hope your amit completely worn out
with all the celebrations - Not many relig
has much comes out of you in all of these
celebrations - But I have heard them I know.

We have been so Lobby to see your pictures
in the papers. And they all look as though
you were having a grand time - Our visitors
from Chicago University has given they were
here for the week-end and were charming
people - I meant to enclose a letter I have
written to Leo, asking how to get some help
for the Hospital down here that was as hit
in the cyclone - It makes me wonder
why 5 millions should go to St. Lukes Hospital
in Tokyo - and help to China & Liberia when
our own little possession is positively suffering
for help - Rachel took our guests back to

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Saw Joan on Monday & found Mr. Swiggall
who is in charge of the ship-ill - so she has
to stay this week - your box to her came in
the mail & I will hide it until the 6th
for fear even it is something for that
day - What a precious love you are - Mary
with her & Marion are leaving the 6th for
Florida - I wonder what because of Will - and
in the last mail I had a Valentine from
Edward Sweden Capt. Ft. Lauderdale Fla -
so I suppose they are wintering there -
What a magnet Florida has become -
Lands & loads of love to you & your
Rachel would send love & kisses to me if
the desert & heat in the world
God bless you & keep you both!
Devotely
Loving

I sent the same kind of a letter to
Bishop Manning - do you think I did right?
a letter from Grace in long hand - said that
fine - she is studying Spanish

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But evidently not - In your next few moments
when you are not being a thousand demands
don't forget to ask Mr. Hoover for his favorite
flower - maybe it will be the poppy as that
is the flower of California - Cowslip is the
Emblem of Vermont - the four leaf clover⁴ there
and Mrs. Wilson the emblem of Virginia for
Pro. Wilson - The dog wood blossom - I do
think the poppy would be lovely, though it
may not be his favorite - I heard a splendid
story about Mr. Edison the other day. I
guess you have heard it - a little boy asked
his father if Mr. Edison invented the first
talking machine - His father said "No!" my
son - God invented the first talking machine.
but Mr. Edison was the first one to know
how to shut it off? - Don't it sound our
having air mail? We can send mail three
times a week by air and once a week by

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ship - making 4 mails a week from New York
5 mails from the States - Even if we don't
use it a lot, it brings us so much rejoice -
They go Mondays - Wednesdays - and Fridays.

I will try sending one to you in Florida
you should get it in two days - Rachel
sent you one to Orange - There was great
excitement over the first ones going out.

Dear Mrs. Birnie sent me a calendar
in the last mail - Womit that good of her
when she has been so ill - Take good care
of yourself Miss darling - Those people will
be so glad to see you back - that I hope
you write over soon - I never wrote that
word before - Doesn't it look funny?

A word of love - and to your darling
Mr. did so enjoy leaving her - He entered into
the Christmas spirit - all because he felt
he was making your happy - I heard the article
about her in the Jan. 5th Saturday Evening
Post - Calling her "a great National Asset" which
is absolutely true - Rachel is not in the kitchen which
time from the state - ~~over~~

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April 29 -

Miss Norling -

What a joy it was to get your lovely letter this week - And to hear of the happy ten days you had with Charles & Carolyn -

I know they won't have feeling for it - better - and then Madeleine & the boys will make the place here I know - So you'd long to have a visit with you - and yet I know of no one, who has to give themselves out as you do - And this year does seem to have been especially hectic - Maybe we can get a quiet, resting time at dear old Chautauqua - Just when it ends or I can't think - but maybe we can - I think your plan for the Lewis Miller Anniversary is fine - I do think Leo would feel very
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much pleased to be asked for the 24th but
fact it would seem to me he would be the
best man - I think though you should ask
him & also Vincent Massey - as well as Mr.
Rector - I think they would feel Leonard
would come if they could - I hope I can
be of some help to you - and that you will
tell me if there is anything I can do. I
wrote to Mrs. Hoover March 5th about his plans
& he answered March 14th saying he would
be glad for us to have the California Jockey
to represent him in the Mrs. Ransart
Meeting that June? I imagine you spoke to
him about it - It was written precisely not
that a secretary - Maybe he would come to
the Anniversary. Many Presidents have
been there than Father Miel

Rachel is calling me to dinner and
last week - planning with her - Mary & Miel are
at Mountain Lake
Sincerely - Louise ^{at Mountain Lake} Lake Wales Florida

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June 27-

Miss Darling

I have just called up Madeline's nurse to ask how Madeline is getting along and she said she is having a very good afternoon.

I do so long to do something for her but the nurse says there is nothing to do. I am so pleased that I was able to see her yesterday. She did look so sweet and I love Madeline's smile & laugh. We are having such peculiar weather so cool - many people have their furnaces going - and we have had a great fire today - so if Madeline had to be sick she couldn't have chosen a better time. And she seems to be so glad she has had the operation - I am sure she must have suffered a great deal before it - and has been so brave to try to fight it out. I had a letter from Louis today. He is such a dear and had a letter waiting for me when I arrived. He was so pleased over her
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hearing from you on his birthday - and you²
were sure, with your tremendous amount of
letters to remember him - Mary Ann said yes-
terday, she thinks he brings for home news.

But I am sure we all like it if we are
fond of our lord ones - There was an splendid
picture of Mr. Elton in the paper this day
was lauded - and it did seem so good to
see his fine smiling face - Martina didn't
come until yesterday - and I stayed the two
nights with Mrs. Dickland, and we had over
the happy old days, as we always do - and she
was loud in her praises of you, of the wonderful
selfness you had been - and I said there
never could have been anyone more wonderful.
And I think the best part is, that he ap-
preciates it - I am wondering if John is still
with you - I want it fine that he could return
with you - I wish there is something you could
like me to do for you up here - it would give
me such pleasure - So please do let me know -

My very best love to you all -

Devotedly Louis.



7/10/29
Chicago

Miss Darling-

Your telegram received - I told Mr. Restor about Father Meller's bar for oratorics & he said Mr. Restor was planning a party musical program - that he knew would delight you - Eugene is coming to the occasion - and

you hear on all hands - The Lewis Meller car tenary work - even to the extent of opening their houses - Mrs. Restor says they have two rooms at our disposal - & at the Bays - & at the Kings - & Miss Chamberlain says she has 1 in the Vincent Cottage - It all goes to show what a holy spirit there is in it all - Even if the Cottage holders dig up against us -

I guess that will get straightened out all right and Mr. Restor looks ahead - He & the entire force are all working for Meller work -

It was a great stroke just coming - for it seemed to give everything & everyone a better understanding - Cora Lee came this morning to talk of her trip to Jacksonville yesterday - and it sounds as though she was going to make a party thing out of it - I told Mrs. Baumgardner about the music - she says she doesn't want hymns - she wants such songs as we used to sing in the choir - such as "The Last Rose of Summer" - My old Kentucky Home

"Juniter" - for maybe Mary or Ann would re-
member some of these. There was "Old Black
Joe" and "good-night ladies" & "Monday we will
sail" - "My Bonnie lies over the ocean" I
suppose the best thing would be for you to make
a selection & send to Mrs. Pennsylvania - she
said she would like you to send them to her.

The books came to-day from Mrs. Ford - Mary
thanks - I will write him a note of thanks -
which he probably won't see, and I will thank
him when you all are here - The bookendows
are all in place - I wish they had written another
book - I want to see Mrs. Wiley about the little
seedling or plants ^{to} the flag, stone - and she
didn't say much - but said she could get some
early ones, and would bring it Monday - It will
at least look better than it does now - The
sun is out & it will do something for the
grass - Gov. & Mrs. Roosevelt are coming to-
morrow afternoon - But more important to
me is the fact that dear Junier is coming &
stay until to-morrow afternoon - If you
have one or two leisure minutes, don't forget
the small pieces of silk for shawls for my
Negites - This certainly is a busy place - Mr
and Mrs. Parris for the R. & F. Club and she
gave us a beautiful modest sewing over
near stop - back she wished for you to know
you would have had it - I wish we could go
over there before you go back Part of course we
can't - I hope you hear good news of Madeline -
I am sure to let me know -
- A heart full of love - Louise - Many of them is very
- thing you want make.



July 14/22

Charleston, W. Va.
Miss Darling -

This is the blessed Sabbath - & as
still & quiet & peaceful - and you may
know how very happy I am to hear Robert
Jr. with me - He came yesterday at 2:30. It
was to be he didn't get her hair - as Mr.
& Mrs. Denton had asked him to the small
banquet of 14 they gave to Mr. & Mrs. Rose-
well - and Junior got her just as they
were leaving - I thought they were charming
The Women's Club gave them a big reception
in the Hotel - and it was quite the prettiest
reception they ever had - Gov. Roosevelt does
Lauder his Landings of Lawrence in a most
wonderful way - He went to the Court with
Mr. & Mrs. Denton - and he was completely
up - I think this cottage holds up better
has about unnerred him and he has had
such a full & splendid program - which
all means work - he today his doctor has
said he must stay in bed - Junior I must
to see him this morning - and when we
came home - found your message under
the door & Junior will see that Mr. Cory gets

it at once - And of course they will follow
your wishes if it hasn't gone to print -

Caroline saw me again about the flowers
& chairs - I think she has lovely ideas - She
wants two ecclesiastical chairs on the flat
form - do you like the idea? Junior is
taking no one to meet Dr. Chailes Mathews
this evening - Caroline is riding over with
us - then Junior returns to Thonitown at
9³⁰ - It has been wonderful to have him
all to myself. But it does seem so short.

I had a letter from Anne Cobble & she is
coming for the 24th - She said she should
think we could send invitations to all of the
old Chautauquians - But I can't think of any
we haven't heard - some are of the ^{Mr. &} Mrs. Norman
Harris - Mrs. Young is on the grounds - I
will try to find & ask her -

I must tell you how eager the B. & F.
Club are to do something this year in memory
of Father Meier - They want to meet with
you & talk it over - Mrs. Smith (Mrs. Miller
sister-in-law) - Mrs. Lillian Smith (Mrs. Kings
sister) & Mrs. Woodridge -

Junior sends you lots of love - It is a
perfectly beautiful day! -

Mr. Butler wants to send the car to Mid-
field to meet you if you will wish when you
are coming - Sincerely Love

HOTEL MARKLAND
Bellefonte, Pa.

M. A. LANDSBY, PROP.

July 26-1929.

My darlings Louis and Rachel.

In the peace of the night I am thinking of you. I'm glad to reach this comfortable hotel after a most awe-inspiring day. The travels over these mountains and valleys as in a dream and the answer to my quest was given. 1st. Must come our dream for Chautauque and on this our Robert's and father's (Rachel's) heavenly birthday let it be sealed. We will honor our loved ones by following the dictates of our hearts.

"Poems can be made by men like me
But only God can make a tree."

Orchestras can be enjoyed and heard
But only God can make a kid.

As I was typing here (we must to bed early)

HOTEL MARKLAND
Bellefonte, Pa.



Mrs. Robert A. Miller
Chautauque

76 Lewis Miller Cottage,
New York

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Bellefonte, Pa.



M. A. LANDSBY, PROP.

These lines came to my mind as though spoken to me. It seemed an answer to our unsettled state, made so by an urgent need in the work of Chautauque. It is like the husband who gives the diamond necklace to his wife who may need the reticence but some way the reticence come but only once the diamond necklace passes our way.

The thought I have is this we can go ahead with our plans and all meet again next summer to dedicate our nature work which in the end will bring about the needed assistance in the musical line.

Levin and I were talking it over and we came to the conclusion that we put our big thought and work in the nature side of Chautauque life and start

the endowment fund for the Orchestra.
In other words we can do both. There
was nothing more and faster loved
than their music, lutes, birds and flowers.

We can do it and make or create a
glorious whole, carrying out the idea
that Lewis put into words of having music
every evening in our Park and the
Sanctuary - this is the year to do it
with you, Louise dear, President of
that learn sent organization.

We can work towards a beautiful
occasion next summer - Miller
Park glorified announcing our gift
this summer, the Centenary of our
blessed one. We have a great heritage
and this can be our way to carry on.

Will you please Louise have some
beautiful flowers sent to Mrs. Koppell
for me - She is a rare nature - and
also to Mr. Crowell the Orbiot - He was so
kind in helping us - Put in a card of
appreciation for me - Goodnight on this
thunderous day - Lovingly Miss Aunt Maria.

I am just full of our venture and
can't seem to sleep for thinking of it.
Don't say anything about it - I will
write again after I get home.

Again goodnight. D. Earle did
pretty well on the trip but towards the
last of the day was pretty tired. His
stomach bothered him considerably.

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Myria Darling. July 3/30

Your dear letter has just come -
What a treat darling you are - and how
I did love being with you - You are always
and always have been an inspiration
to me - One only has to be there in the
house to see how full to overflowing your
life is - and makes one more than ap-
preciate all you do - Don't you worry about
your splendid article on Thursday - I am
sure you will take the prize over all that
have gone before - for you have given the
women something worth to think about -

You have said what thousands of people
think - but haven't put it in words -

You must be sure and let me know
what you hear from it - Yesterday opened
the season for the B. + T. Club. I sent
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my telegram & will be interested in making
The Chautauquan on Saturday, to see how it
passed off - Mrs. Perrybacher seems to be
holding forth with a vim - and we should
appreciate her - for she means a great deal to
Chautauque - The Bird & Tom Club could be
just as great a factor - for all the world is
turning to Nature and its beauties - I
nearly think the President of the B. & T. Club
should be paid - the same as Mrs. P. she
couldn't give all of her time to it without
remuneration - Don't you think that
would be a good point to bring up?

Poor Mrs. Bellstead is quite ill with ton-
sillitis - I asked her about going to Chau-
tauque but she couldn't afford it -

I do hope Missa darling you will be coming
over soon - but I know Mr. Collins couldn't
enjoy even coming to Mary's on Sunday -

By
Florence said it was awful the Sunday
she & John brought me over - It was all right
coming - but they waited in line for

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have going back - and I know he wouldn't like that - I had my daily letter from Rachel this morning - To-day is the best day of her sale - It hasn't been a great success - for I think people are not buying.

But she said it was better than she feared it was going to be - Mary Green Peterson phoned me this morning she had asked you to come to a luncheon she is giving for us on Tuesday - it would be lovely if you could - then Rachel & Mary both could see you - I intended this for a Birthday letter - and have rambled on

I do hope Missa darling this will be one of the happiest Birthdays you have ever had - and I will be thinking of you all day - and wishing you your heart's desire
Mary Matthews called up this morning

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to ask if she could come out here for the 4
week-end - She is just out of the Hospital
for Lina's trouble - the same as Florence
had - and that was what pains Robert
had - It is so very painful - I told her
we would both rest quietly and have a
quiet, peaceful time - Her Mother came
on and was here for ten days with her
while she had her operation -

I sent you a tiny Birthday remem-
brance this morning from Rachel & me -
to wear on your wrist when knitting -
And if it could speak it would tell
you, it carries over her "streamers
can state, or tongue to dare articulate".

God bless you precious Mina - for
all you have meant to us - On your birth-
day he gave you birth.

Your devoted Lina's

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Nov. 1900

My dear Darling -

What a love you are to give us
the joy of seeing your own hand-writing.

It really was a perfect delight - and
yet how selfish it is - if it means your
hair to burn the mid-night oil - and
write at one o'clock - We were so distressed
when we heard you were ill - that I can't
tell you how very happy it made us to
know you were yourself again - I thought
your letter sounded so happy - and that
all was well with the world - Dear Aunt
Caroline, when we think of her sorrow -
we know that we are blessed - It was a
great comfort to her to be with you all -
for there are no friends like the old
friends - We were made so happy in this

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mail by the good news from Junction ²

At least he has been relieved of the
night work - and is now Technical Sales
Engineer - with a desk in the City
office - I can't tell you what a relief
it is to me - Rachel said "now you will
have peace of mind?" I thought "the
prayers of the righteous availeth much?"
for how I have hoped and prayed, that
he might have a normal life with that
blessed little family of his - and your
kind see from his letter that he and
Edith are radiant over it - He said his
Uncle Hal disclaimed having anything to
do with it - but just the same I feel like
giving both Grace & Hal a note of thanks.

What it be splendid if Grace & Hal do
take a leave in Florida this winter?

I should think that would be the
very nicest thing for them to do -

Thank you Misses Darling for having
the sale of our work at your home - and

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feeling our cloth stand up well with
the beautiful Italian one - Miss Foster
wrote you were going to have it - but when
we heard you were ill - we thought you
had given it up - We will probably hear
from Miss Foster in the next mail -

Isn't it fine Madeline has told the
boys? - And can't you imagine the
great interest they are taking in the
event - and it will be greater to look
forward to than any Santa Claus
ever has been - In fact we are all
looking forward to it, with the keenest
anticipation - One of our workers has just
had twin boys - her third pair of twins - she
is about thirty - and has had twelve children
and now has six living children all boys.
Isn't that a record? - I hope mine dear

you will all have a very happy Thanks-⁴
giving - How many wonderful Thanks-
givings we have had in that lovely home.

Robert Jr. and Edith are going to be with
her Father - They chose their vacation to
come at this time - which I think is very
nice - as he is alone - They all go to the
game to gether - and Junior says they
have a splendid woman to stay with the
children - Clara Livingston is coming to
have Thanksgiving with us - and has
asked us to come to her for Christmas and
Christmas her lovely new Spanish home -

Rachel is in San Juan - you will
probably hear from her in this mail -

Would it be asking a great deal if this
year would send the name of the party
we were going to see in Miami town - about the
14th - I write her - her's write them has
the griffe - Good-bye - mine's mine - a
heart full of love - Louise.

Will see Mrs. Penn ~~to~~ ^{to-day} and explain to her—



July 27/31.

Miss Darling—

I have received your letter and answering by return mail— I know how disappointed you are not to come—and how very disappointed everyone will be not to have you & no one sorer than I— But I think you are doing exactly right—for all your pleasure would be marred by the anxiety you would have for your darling.

I dreamed of him last night— How I do hope & pray the doctors may relieve his suffering—and he will soon be up again—but he wants you—and you would never be happy away from him— I will do everything I can for you Miss dear—and will try to keep you in touch with it all— I think you would have been a worse as only one is wanting to pay you

tribute - Mrs. Richmond was here for²
the C. L. B. C. of 1934 - The Bird & Tom
wanted all of your time they could
have - and the Woman's Club - To
which we had to all give precedence
but at least thanking you as our own -

It will be a strenuous work - The
only thing is to not do too much -
Monday morning at 9⁴⁵ a Trustees
meeting & luncheon - Then your
day at the Club - a banquet for you
that evening & a thousand & one guests
that you stay over Old Point Night -

So I feel with all your anxiety,
it would be very hard on you -

I have been living up to this
point - and of course feel awfully
let down - But feel you have done
as much though absent - that you
are constantly with us - Mrs. Mc Coy
has just left - and she was so full in
her praise of you - and what all you
have done - I am not telling anyone
that you are definitely not coming - for
that means publicity - excepting Mr. Carter
who said he had sent you a telegram



about the dedication of the Smith
Library - which hangs in the dedication -
the B. & T. suffer in your honor & - which
I have said all along you would not be
less for - But of course they do not real-
ize how sick Mr. Elson is - and while
they know he is a very sick man - they
all hope he will be well enough for you
to come - It is raining - and I have it
when it rains here - though it is not B. & T.
day - but will probably clear long before
that - Rachel arrived safely - I have a
package from her - and I found some
lovely flowers from her when I came home
last evening - she said she was "sending
me flowers from Father" wasn't that
dear of her? - I know she hangs to her
with you - but you may not find it con-
venient now - unless she can be of some
use - Let me know if there is anything
I can do - Lots of love
Sincerely
L. R. Connell

I think your plan for the platform is beautiful
MIRA MAR HOTEL AND APARTMENTS, SARASOTA, FLORIDA, UNDER SAME MANAGEMENT AS THE
The Moor Hotel - Dallas - Texas & Best building in the

Precious Maria-

Just one week today since I was
with you. It seems ages - But I have been
constantly with you in my thoughts - and
prayers - and longing to help you - I can
sure as one could wish love, more loving
thoughts than you are having in this
great sorrow - I'd longing to express their
love and admiration for you Edward and
Elizabeth are here - and yesterday we went for
a short walk to Mrs. Williams - Edward hadn't
seen her for years - then spoke of ¹⁸⁷²⁻³⁻⁵⁻¹⁰ your family

thought of her in sending the Thomas &
Edwin babies - and I gave them to Mrs. Keener.
I told them how wonderful you are in
thinking of others all the time - That will
always be your great comfort. The precious
moments you have given to your darling -
and how he has loved your attention. I
think there could never be a more beautiful
companionship - Rachel sends her love.
I am glad Edward & Elizabeth are here or
I would be very lonely - Mr. Lee stayed here all
day writing to our dear ones. Kings of New Britain
New Britain Nov 22/24 - Laver. C. F. H. P.

**Family Records Series -- Charles Edison Fund Collection
Edison-Miller Family Papers
Rachel Alice Miller**

These six letters from Rachel Miller to her aunt Mina Miller Edison were all written in 1931. Included are references to Thomas Edison's final illness, death, and funeral.

RACHEL ALICE MILLER
38 COMERCIO STREET
PONCE, PORTO RICO

Aunt Mina darling,

It is almost luncheon time and the morning has fled. I came right on over here on Monday, as I felt I could do more immediate good than by staying in San Juan. Teresa and I have been over everything and really gotten a lot straightened out and are in working order now for the wine. We have made some lovely new things, childrens hdkf, baby and children dresses. The little organics we have made are simply darling and if others are as wild about them as I am they ought to be grand sellers. Then we have some new towels and some new sets. And now comes the push of getting work done and then getting it sold. We got some stunning new mens hdkf linen and I spent most of yesterday afternoon cutting that and getting it fixed so that we can get our samples ready and push. Jinks life seems nothing but push sometimes, and yet, I'd not be very happy to just let the current flow round me, so I guess I'm hard to please. And as a matter of fact I love pushing and the fact that it entails work and success.

Well, it is the same little old island, full of beauty and full of non beauty, but the beauty outweighs I think on the whole. The friends are the same loyal loving group and it is nice to see them once again. As yet I haven't located any real place to lay my head in SJ but I didn't have much time to give to that and as it was about. A friend, Marian Wolf, is debating buying a piece of property and turning it into apartments and in that case I might rent one from her. It is a little far off from the shop and really with the candy in embryo I wish I might be nearer, but somehow it will all work out. How full life is of little things that seems such mountains and are really nothing on earth when we have patience with

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them. You are a marvelous lesson in patience, love and devotion. It is a sad thought, but it is sweet too to think of you sitting by Uncle Thomas and the love and comfort that he derives from just having you there by him. Poor darling man, it seems that he should have been spared such long drawn-out illness. It is so hard. I'm trying to get things here cleaned up a little for Mother when she arrives. This old house is frightfully old, but it has a charm about it that I love and if only it will hold up on its pins we can live in quite a lot of comfort. Today I am having Jose clean under the house and then we will whitewash and disinfect. I'm trying to get rid of a little ant that has infested Mother's bathroom. Then I think we will try and paint her furniture, it does look so much nicer if you can freshen up with a little paint and this man of ours is so willing. Not perhaps the best painter, but the results looks fairly well and that is what most counts. As I wrote Mother there is no chance of our ever being wealthy, for we never cease to have desires, and the more money we'd acquire right along with it more desires. And really on the whole we are rich, we have the joy of love, friendship, a home over our heads and the most faithful and interested of employees what more on this earth could any one ask. Yes, darling, are one of the greatest blessings. All my love to you and I hope your darling isn't suffering, but just resting quietly by your side. Your has been a wonderful union of love and his love shows how he feels you have blessed it in every way.

Your Rachel.

This is an old envelope. I'm house cleaning as I go along.
October 14, 1911

RAGNER, ALICE MELLER
25 COMMERCE STREET
PONCE, PORTO RICO

October 16

Precious Aunt Mina,

Your cable came this morning, bless you and I know you know that every minute of the day I am with you all in spirit. Poor darling Uncle Thomas it seems so terrible for him to be held so, but we seem helpless, don't we. And you darling with the weight of seeing him slip away. He put up a brave fight and struggle for life. What wonderful years of life he has had and what his life has meant to every person and everything of our age. It is miraculous that one person could have given directly and indirectly so much to this world. And it is a wonderful heritage for all of us to have known and loved such a man.

I am sending this by air just to carry my love and a kiss to you. Tomorrow I leave for SJ and expect to really get to work in earnest. I have started things here, but I can't do much of the actual labor, over there so many things that I can do are awaiting me. I hope to start the candy on Monday. Among the things that I found I simply must do here was to change our kitchen floor. It was simply rotted away. This is really the sweet est old house and has a delightful charm about it that I love, but it is frame and one never gets through see what could and should be done. The kit chen I was afraid would kill someone of us soon, so it had to be changed. The men are working on it now. I seized that chance to have our stove gone over too. Iren goes rusty so quickly here and I thought it might be a case of a stitch in time. I'm glad to get it ready so that it will be finish ed when Mother comes. I miss her dreadfully, and

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yet I can't wish her down here for I know that she
will feel nearer to you if she can be up there and
it does help to comfort one to feel that they are
near and can possibly do some little thing of love
for you, my darling. I can only send you my love,
with all my heart and soul in it.

Your Rachel.

Mrs. ROBERT A. MILLER

RACHEL ALICE MILLER

DRAWN WORK

EMBROIDERY

TELEPHONE 543

ROBERT A. MILLER

GIFT SHOP

PORTO RICAN NEEDLE WORK

19 ALLEN STREET

SAN JUAN, PORTO RICO

SALES ROOMS:

36 COMERCIO STREET

PONCE, P. R.

October 14.

My dearest Anne Marie.

You could be more in my heart and mind now than you have been in all these good months of strain and sorrow. I would seem that with the long knowledge that Uncle Thomas' accident got worse, we should really be prepared to accept the change. Perhaps it is being so far off from home. But I feel as if all the things of this I love has been being disappointed and changed and it seems hard to accept. I can know somewhat, studying what that dreamy utterance said across for you you will give him everything in your life. But to comfort you you will have such memories of perfect love, nothing with which to compare yourself and the knowledge that to him you were the best of the world, you blessed each other and you blessed together all of us who came in touch with you. Do me your congratulations and joy in marriage and in life and love of the world you stand on and with another's faith in being the complete perfect marriage and life.

My dearest, believe me, my love and sorrow just seem boundless and endless.

Your Robert.

Precious One,

Today they will take that beloved body away from Glenmont. But they will never be able to take the spirit and the beautiful memories that were a part of him and that we all associate with him and so love in our thoughts of what blessings life gave us in our relations with him, with you and with Glenmont in both of you. Of course we love the body, it is our mental picture of the soul and spirit, and yet we can so engrave on our eyes retina that we will never forget it and we have within our grasp the soul and spirit always. As someone said of Uncle Thomas no man ever so fully completed his span, not of years, but of service to the world and to humanity. It is true, it is a lasting heritage not to each of us as a family, but to every mortal in the world. And he will live on forever. And his love will always be beside you, you will never be unaware of it and of its protecting shelter. What would our lives be without that blessed love in its various forms and various degrees of intensity? I feel that to have been within the circle that saw the fruition of such love is one of the greatest blessings of my life and I thank God that it could be so.

The shop is closed today, and I have tried to keep my mind off you dear ones, tried to realize that I couldn't help by lying idle. But it seems so hard to think of you, whom I adore, in such sorrow and me so far off and dear Madeline. I know how hopeless it must seem to all of those three darlings to have lost such a tie into the invisible. But you have each other and after all life is just a question of living for each other and so we must carry on. I wish Mother could have stayed longer, but perhaps it is best as. You need rest and quiet and yet her love for you is so great that I think she could have helped. Poor darling, I know she is torn by feeling that I need her, and I do need her, but I was willing for her to stay with you.

I think I told you in my airmail letter about the bank failing down here. I suppose I should have taken everything out when I heard the first rumour, but that was months ago, and it seemed like such a poor sport. I hope to find out this week what it may mean to the shop. In money we only lost a couple of hundred, but it is the financial backing of the year that worries me mostly and the establishing of credit in a new bank with things all being restricted. But I am trying to take it day by day and not think or worry over it. I wish Mother might have stayed North until it was adjusted and until the most anxious days of it all were over. But still I am glad that Monday she will be here. I wish she didn't have to go across the island and yet I am thankful that we have work to do. It is truly one of the greatest blessings that life can give us, don't you think so? What would we be if we didn't have interests in work and in life and just now that it is the thing that will help to normalize us and reestablish once more our faith and confidence.

I am going now out to a friends who has a radio and try to hear the services for Uncle Thomas. I pray that they may come through. God bless you, darling, and bring you peace.

Your Rachel.

October 21

Precious Aunt Mina,

Another week flown by and on Monday Mother will land. It will seem wonderful to see her. I think we will go right across the island and get her settled at home, and then I will come back on Tuesday to carry on here. At the moment I don't feel very peppy. I caught cold the day after I arrived and last Saturday I thought I had conquered that cold, but this week it broke out again in my face and yesterday and today My sinus and my teeth and jaws and all my body ache. I trust it will be forgotten before Mother's arrival on Monday. I think I will go up to Marian's shortly and undress. Saturday afternoon is never very busy so I think the shop can manage without me.

I think of you constantly. Last night I couldn't sleep and I lay and thought of your courage and pluck and how night after night you went without sleep and still faced each day. Precious darling, I wonder if you can feel that he has just gone into the other room and the door is wide open so that really you can always be with him and he with you. It seems impossible to think of you there without him, he was such a live part of the home and you felt that the clockwork depended on him so much that to feel he is gone from amongst us seems hard to believe. I know you have everyone with you to give you love and companionship and I enjoy them though I am glad for the blessed comfort that I know they are to you.

The week has run along in an even trend. I have worked like a trooper down here trying to assimilate the new things and now Sunday I expect to start to make the candy. I hope that will go over well. I think we will need all such help, for the island is beginning to hear of the North's hard times and people losing their jobs. The bank which I think I wrote you had failed has stated that they will eventually pay dollar for dollar. I hope that they will. Our loss wasn't tremendous but just now it seems like a lot. The thing that is most worrying is the credit for the fall purchases. I have taken that up with the other bank to whom I turned when our own failed and am hoping to receive some word from them this week as to what their policy will be. I am sorry to have Mother have to be met with such news, but I presume she has probably already heard it on the steamer so there isn't much that I can do about it.

This is just a little message of love, darling, and contains a big hug and kiss.

Your Rachel.

October 24

Precious Aunt Mina,

Tomorrow another plane goes up and though I know Mother will give you all the news still I'll add my bit. She landed safely yesterday morning. I should say about six o'clock. Just why those boats come in at the crack of dawn I can't see. Though actually the landing must have been gorgeous for the moon was still up and this old fort down here is really a beautiful sight either by sunrise or my moonlight, and I was glad for that bit of cheer for Mother. Mrs. Beverly was going down to meet her husband and so she took me with her. She lives right across the street from Marian Wolf's. It was awfully nice for he is Attorney General and that meant that his car went right on the pier and it does make life much more easy when you have a few little pulls like that. And then can you believe that I would be so unsportsmanlike that I crowed because he had lost a case. One of my dearest friends down here, Clara Livingston has had a terrible time with the government, for after her father's death, they claimed 300 acres of her land. And she fought it south and north. Finally she won down here in the courts and then won in the Federal Court in Boston and then the government appealed it to the Supreme Court. Of course we all held our breath for fear it would be lost the third time. Mr. Beverly was not the originator of the suit, or I'd never speak to him again, but he has been the Attorney General who has had to carry on with it, and he did put in the third appeal for trial by the Supreme Court. Of course I felt simply radiant that she had won and I have been diplomatic so long about it, that I just decided I'd let him know that my heart and soul were with her and that I thanked heavens he had lost. So I did. I do feel a bit sorry that I did it just when I did, but it got under his skin and I wanted to do that and perhaps it was the best time. But to go back, Mother and I had breakfast with Marian and the Judge in their lovely home and then wandered down to the shop. I had made my first candy and decided not to sell but to give it away as samples. It has made quite a hit and I am going home now to make some more of it. I'm going to send you a sample of it by this mail. If you don't like bonbons you can pass it on to someone else that may enjoy it. Mother had so many visitors that I hardly saw her. Miss Hicks came over from Ponce in her car to take her home. It was a wonderfully thoughtful thing to do for after that trip the bus ride would have been tiring. I didn't go home with them. First place I was actually sick the latter part of last week, and my face still aches a little, and I dreaded that ride and then for the first time in my young life I actually lay awake all night and as a result haven't felt like much. So Mother and I decided that I'd go over on Friday and have the week end with her, in many ways that is nicer for it will break her time. Of course I wanted to hear about you and all the dear ones up there and I still feel that there is loads for me to hear about. Mr. Domenech, the Treasurer of the island was just in and expressed his sympathy over Uncle Thomas's going and your great loss and mine, darling, and he said he was the first American of whom he had ever heard and he had always revered him. Eleanor sent me some newspaper slippings about him and what a tribute to feel that down to the smallest people in the most obscure part of the world his life was felt and he was beloved. Sweetdreams, my darling and all my love.

Rachel.

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Edison-Miller Family Papers
Robert Anderson Miller, Jr.**

These three letters from Robert A. Miller, Jr., to his aunt Mina Miller Edison date from 1917 and 1931. The first letter, written from a military camp shortly after the entry of the United States into World War I, discusses Robert's hopes for a commission and his attitude toward the war. The other two letters, written in August and October 1931, refer to Edison's declining health and public sentiment regarding his imminent death.

July 26, 1917

Dear Aunt Mina

Your very welcome note of the 23rd came yesterday and I certainly was glad to get it. I very much appreciate your taking time to write me, for I know just how hard it is to work in all that one wants to do. I find it almost impossible to manage any writing especially when I most want to write. Just now I am stealing a few minutes right after breakfast. I don't know what will happen next.

Camp closes here about August 11th though it may last longer than that — and, we all hope, it may end sooner. I am sorry to say that I have not a commission as yet Aunt Mina! I shall not know whether or what commission I shall get until quite close to the time that Camp closes. I doubt if we hear more than a day or so before hand. So kill the rumor if you can!

I certainly am sorry that that phono-

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graph went astray! And the more since it was the first one shipped. We all quite looked forward to having it, but maybe we have not missed it so much as we would have, had we had it and lost it. I hope that it can be traced and found all right.

I hope that the word from Marion was good, so far as her own family and friends were concerned. It is rather remarkable that you heard from her at all, though I think doubt you? The war certainly is terrible all right, and I wish it were over, but all we can do is to keep on hoping that it may soon end.

I wish I could visit you all at Luque, but fear that there will be exceedingly limited whenever Camp closes. I may be able to manage a few hours though - if you are still there.

With words of love

Lovingly
Junior

August 21, 1931

Dear Aunt Mina

I hope that Uncle Thomas is again feeling so well that you may at least snatch a moment to read this short note.

We have all been most anxious about him, and hoping that you were not wearing your self out completely. You know we all are pulling with you and carrying you along in our thoughts.

It has been long this summer to go to Chautauqua occasionally for a few hours with Mother, at The Cottage. I wish it might have been longer each time, but it has been marvelous anyway and your share in it has been immeasurable.

Please give our love to Uncle Thomas,
and keep just orders and orders for
yourself.

He is hoping that Uncle Thomas'
condition may continue to improve,
and rapidly, and that you may not be
too tired to enjoy the daily tasks.

Loads & loads of love

Junior.

Write Robert Jr. Thank him
for his letter which I greatly prize
and give particulars of his Uncle
Thomas - Love to them all.

October 14, 1931

Dear Aunt Maria

I was so thoroughly impressed with and pleased by the sentiments expressed in the enclosed note by Florence Fisher Perry which appeared in the Pittsburgh Press last evening, that I am sure you will like to read it.

Expressions of feeling such as this are extremely rare, I think, but in the case of Chuck Thomas and yourself, will undoubtedly be far more numerous than usual. I hope it may

carry with it some sense of
spirit and be of some assist-
ance in the trouble you are
going through.

Just odds and odds
of love

Junior:

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Edison-Miller Family Papers
Marian Nichols**

The selected items in this folder are from 1929 and 1931. They consist of correspondence from Marian Nichols (later de Marconnay), stepdaughter of Mary Miller Nichols, to her aunt Mina Miller Edison. The letters contain references to the travel, health, work, and celebrity of Thomas Edison, as well as visits at the Edison home in New Jersey. Also mentioned are the golden jubilee of the electric light in 1929, Marian's attendance at the Edison Pioneer's luncheon in 1931, and her philanthropic work for the New York Public Library.

The New York Public Library

ASTOR, LENOX AND TILDEN FOUNDATIONS

476 FIFTH AVENUE

New York, February 25, 1921

Dear Aunt Nina: -

Here we still are at the
Shelton (my goodness! I got the
wrong writing paper!) and we are
becoming quite fond of our
"Tower" rooms - I wish you might
have seen them for the view is
beautiful - Perhaps will be in
here another winter when you
can - I really think that it has
been a life saver for Father
- it is so much easier for
him to get to business, and on
really bad days Mr. Fulmer can
come to him - Any way he
hasn't had even a sniffle -
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knock on wood! As for Mother²
— I can't say that she's done as
well, but I think she was all
tired out from Father's illness
at home, + all the servant
trouble, + then when she went
out to Scarsdale for something
or other it was very cold + she
exposed herself some how. For-
tunately we had an excellent
young Doctor who saw the danger
before it got serious and brought
her through without any casualties
for which we're all thankful. Now
she is being careful and taking
things more leisurely and so
I hope will be alright from
now on.

It's a shame that Charles
is feeling so mean. Father went
in to see him on Sunday and
(no it was Washington's Birthday)

The New York Public Library
Astor, Teno and Tilden Foundations

470 FIFTH AVENUE

New York

and Mother to-day - I have only been able to write him a note, but I rather imagine they don't want him to have too much company any way -

On Friday I'm going out to the house early, and a man will be there to set up our new "Voice of the Skies" and I'm thrilled to death. I thought it should be up so the family can use it for the inaugural - I know we're going to love it, and am so glad that it is so successful - it certainly ought to be!

Just think! Aunt Grace + Uncle Hal are in Syria + Palestine this week. I gave them

a letter to our friend the Governor
of Jerusalem, and hope they do
meet him, for I'm sure they'll
enjoy one another. This time
last year we were just about
reaching Athens - My list that was
a wonderful trip; I don't think
that there ever was a more per-
fect one. We called on the
Congress on Washington's Birthday
& talked about trips, and how it
made me long to be off again -

I hope you are really getting
a rest, though it doesn't sound
very much like it - Have seen
Uncle Thomas in the movies
numerous times these last two
weeks, but saw a sign of you -
I think you're too modest! But
now that I think of it, there
weren't any ladies in any of the
pictures - How nice that the
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Astor, Teno and Tilden Foundations

476 FIFTH AVENUE

New York

Hoovers called - Arent they dears! And arent we glad that they're the next ones to go into the White House! Did Mother send you the cartoon I cut out of the World about Uncle Thomas' rubber plants? The man trying to weed his garden + the weeds stretching + stretching, etc. It was quite amusing -

I expect to be busier than ever these next months for we are giving a large benefit performance for the benefit of our Library School Scholarships Fund. We are trying to get the Fund large enough so that we need only use the interest each year.

instead of having to take from⁶
the principal - I wondered if
you would be a Patroness - you
need not buy any tickets or
give any donations; just lend
us your name. Of course, Mr.
Anderson, the director of the
Library is a Patron + his wife too,
+ we are asking Mrs. Carnegie,
since it was her husband's money
which started the school, + still
continues with a Fund - Then
I'm asking Uncle Ed Hess, Mr.
Liet, Mr. Adams, Mr. Thurg, Mr.
Kent, + Judge Ransom - others
are asking different ones which
they know, and we hope to
make a great success - when I
think of all I got out of my
Library School course I'm an-
xious to help make it possible
that at least one person can

The New York Public Library

Astor, Tuck and Child Foundations

476 FIFTH AVENUE

New York

go on our Scholarships each year, who otherwise would not be able to -

We phoned Bogie last night and discovered that she had just returned from a trip to goodness knows where - Texas + everywhere else under the sun - She is certainly the busy lady these days -

We'll all bid you good-night. Would love to have a nice letter from you but know how rushed you are so shall be glad to hear news of you through the Family. Would you drop ~~a~~ me a card + let me know whether you will be a Patroness? Please do!

With much love to you +
Uncle Thomas,
Mary Anne -

P.S. The pictures of your place
are beautiful — the pool is
great! And Walter has been
buried in your newspapers all
evening -

The New York Public Library
Astor, Tene and Edin Foundations

476 FIFTH AVENUE

New York, April 19, 1929.

Dearest Aunt Nina: --

Just a line to tell you of the success of our venture with which you so kindly helped us. We have cleared over \$25.00, so the work entailed was well worth while! I enclose one of our official "thank yous" which were passed around to all those attending the play. The whole evening was very much of a social success too.

Thank you again for your help.

With love to you +
Uncle Thomas,

Mary Anne

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MARIAN NICHOLS
TREE TOPS
118 EDGEMONT ROAD
SCARSDALE, N. Y.

August 9, 1929.

Dearest Aunt Nina: -

I've intended writing you for weeks and weeks but so usual have done no writing at all. To begin with, I wanted to thank you for including me in the thing party at Newark Airport, and then for the lovely visit with you the next day - I fear that I should also apologize for being in such a nervous state some times I think it would be heaven to be a jelly fish with no nerves (perhaps they too have nerves!) Also to thank you for inviting me to the glorious
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festivities of last week. I'm so glad they were so successful - I don't tell you how sorry I was to miss it all - and I shall probably never recover from the disappointment of missing meeting the Lindberghs!! This still does a march on me that time - But that's the way it is - you can't be a working girl and do everything else too, and I must say, I enjoy life pretty well for the most part. Father has been telling + Mother writing, in glowing terms of the wonders of the week at Chautauque, and again I realize how much I missed - And so it goes! Both of them give most of the credit of success to you, and I am sure they are right in

this. You do everything so thoroughly,
and goodness knows, you managed
to do twice so much as any one
else.

This is the last whole Free day
I shall have until after my vaca-
tion in September, so I am taking
full advantage of it by staying
peacefully at home by myself,
and writing a few letters which
have been on my mind for a
long time. Though I'm not going
to be able to have Free days I
shall be able to have Saturday
afternoons occasionally which
makes a rather nice week-end.
Our schedule these next two weeks

or so is so tight that when once arranged nothing can be changed without disrupting every ones plans all down the line, so it behooves all of us to keep well.

I'm going up to Quebec for the second week in September to attend the Edison Illuminating Convention with the Family - you had better come along if it looks interesting - Father thought we might stay in Canada awhile but when he heard that the temperature goes down to 40° , he lost interest - So I may go to Colorado for the remainder of my vacation - The good old gone there will

put me on my feet!

I trust that you will be
around these parts for the rest of
the summer and that I shall
see you "before you I go - Have you
then to "journeys end" yet? I
have been wanting to take Mother some
after-noon + would love to take
you also, if you'd like to go - It is
not a very good hot weather
play, but if it stays cool like
this it wouldn't be bad - Let me
know.

Give my love to Uncle Thomas
and the rest of your nice family
when you see them; and get a
good rest yourself - Many thanks,
again and much love, Mary Anne

File Mrs. Nichols
letters.

Don Fernando Hotel



Taos, New Mexico

Very love /
Ness

November 8, 1929.

Dearest Aunt Mina: -

No, I'm not in Taos, but in clearing out my stuff I came across this paper, and as it is far more attractive than any of my own, I thought I'd write to you on it - Anyway, it brings back such happy ~~visit~~ memories of my visit in New Mexico this summer - you know Aunt Ila took me on a three day motor trip through that country, and we had a superb time - I'll tell you about it when I see you, if you'd care to hear - did you read Willa Cather's book entitled "When Death comes to the Archbishop"? It is all about that country in the early days, & is beautifully written -

I had planned to write you 2
just as soon as we returned
from Detroit, but I found the
first days at the library so
hard and tiring. I always feel
the let down when I come
from a high altitude; but now
I've gathered my wits together &
have collected myself, so shall be
ready for good, hard work.

Do don't the Fords saw to it,
that you got all kinds of pictures
of the celebrations, but I'm enclosing
a set of mine any way - Considering
the rain & fog I think they came
out remarkably well, and I'm
only sorry that I didn't take more,
& especially some including
members of the family -
dear Aunt Minnie, I do so
want to make clear to you
what it meant to me to go to
Detroit. It is difficult, for it

Don Fernando Hotel

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Taos, New Mexico

was so much a "feeling" rather than anything tangible. It was certainly good of you to see that the Family here & there, could go, and I am more than grateful that you included this most humble member of it. You are always so good to me. The whole thing was so quaint, so jolly & informal — but above all there was such a beautiful atmosphere. I can't explain, but I'm sure you felt it yourself, even more than the rest of us. It seemed so glorious that the finest men who'd done so much themselves should be so eager to pay Uncle Thomas the highest tribute that they could. Of course he deserves all and more than anyone could.

give him, but it is not often &
that a man gets such recognition,
until long after he has left us.
I've thought again and again of
the future of our country since
that Detroit trip, & it gives me a
feeling of elation. Surely when
such men, who are the most
influential, are as they are, we
cannot go far wrong; and I
don't believe that my generations
can be very bad when they
have such Mothers & Fathers. I've
never felt more content over
things than I do right now.

And the Fords themselves, how
sweet and loyal they are! Mr.
Ford's devotion to Uncle Thomas
is beautiful and some thing to
be treasured in the memory.
I felt that I wanted to write
them a little note of gratitude,
but they probably would never
get the letter - So Father says.

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Los, New Mexico

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And very likely they wouldn't re-
member me any way - But, per-
haps some time you will have a
chance to convey to them my
sincere thanks + appreciation.

I'm so glad that Mother +
Father will have a little visit
with you to-day - It does them
so much good.

It is a dark + gloomy day,
as my F res days so often are,
but I have a cozy little fire +
am busy trying to catch up with
my correspondence - I never feel
like writing in the evenings after
work - some how the thoughts
will not shape themselves on
paper, + so I have to wait until
a time like this. Unfortunately

such times are few + far between

I understand that you are going to Florida very soon now -
Sad for us, but splendid for you!
You certainly need to get away
from the blizzard in ~~the~~ these parts
and I know that you + Uncle
Thomas will both be better off for
it.

I shall hope to see you
some time before you go -

Give much love to Uncle
Thomas + keep a great deal
for yourself - Love to Bogie also.
Mary Anne.



Home for Christmas

Genevieve Gilling by J.E. Thompson

Dec. 27, 1929.

Dearest Aunt Nina: -

As usual, dear Mrs. Santa Claus, you have been far too generous to this young niece of yours, but she is most appreciative of all your kindness. In the first place, one of the brightest moments of Christmas day was our brief sojourn at Glenmont with its telephone connection with you. It certainly would not be Christmas in Orange without some contact with you, and that phone call was a most ~~valuable~~ moving spirit, and John kept the time and called each one in turn, so that

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everything went off swimmingly, and
Mabeline looked as happy & pleased as
could be. Mother was at the point of tears,
as were others, and I'd have to admit that
my throat felt a bit queer too. The con-
servatory looked perfectly beautiful & the
tree was as lovely as ever, with gay colored
bags of pine cones lying beneath its branches.
After the call we all stayed some little
time exchanging greetings and a few gifts
and having a jolly family time — the
kind of a time I, for one, love the best!
Eventually we broke up, and each little
group went home to its individual Christmas.

We had a beautiful time at Florence's
& Uncle John's — it was the first real visit I
had had with Bobbie since we were children,
& the first time that all our little groups had
been together since the time when we lived
with Aunt Annie on 127th street. The children
had a gorgeous day, and the grown ups played
with the endless toys as much as they did.

This little family of three had most of
its home celebrations on Monday night as
we wouldn't be back here until Thursday. So

we had your wonderful Fraser packages
 then. I've never seen so many beautiful
 things all in one spot, and opening all
 the different sections was like a whole Christmas
 in itself. This being my free day, I spent a
 good portion of it arranging the various bottles &
 packages in my medicine chest and suit case,
 & now that I'm all in order I've begun my
 Christmas letters with yours!

Then when we got to Uncle Glenn's we
 found the "Under your plate Merry Christmas"
 which again brought back all the little traditions
 of a Glenmont Christmas. And in addition
 to all this I have to thank you many times
 for the opera ticket. I arranged ten days
 ahead to have my day changed at the
 library so that I could get it, successfully.

And now while I'm thanking you I
 might as well keep on and tell you the
 result to date, of the gift of the Liberty Bond
 from you & Uncle Thomas several Christmases
 ago. I'd meant to tell you before but have
 always forgotten. After some time, I've for-
 gotten how long, I sold the Bond and bought
 five shares of Allis Chalmers stock, — picking
 that out for sentimental reasons, keeping it
 all in the family as it were. This fall they

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gave a stock dividend ⁴/₅ of four shares for one, so now I have twenty shares; and they've increased the dividend rate so that I receive \$60.00 a year, which is a great help. So for this I send a perpetual "thank you", also.

I do hope you had a lovely Christmas at Seminole Lodge, and were not so tired out + over-worked as you always are at Glenmont. It must have been queer to have balmy summer weather, and palms and orange trees all about. I can't quite imagine how it would feel on Christmas Day like that. We assume that you + Uncle Thomas are both well as we have not heard otherwise, + certainly we all hope this to be the case.

As near as I can find out, the Family's plans are still up "in the air". All I can gather is that they are going somewhere, but when and where is still a mystery. Whenever that does take place, we shall leave the house, and I shall find myself a wee while someplace in the Big City - there ought to be plenty to choose from!

Mother + Father both send love + many thanks so I do, and to Uncle Thomas also. With love to Bogie if she is with you -

Many love -

MARIAN NICHOLS
TREE TOP
111 EDGEMONT ROAD
BOARDSDALE, N.Y.

February 23, 1931.

Dearest Aunt Mina: -

Your dear telegram was the first birthday message I received and I was so happy to hear from you + to know that you were thinking of me. The family wrote such a lot about the beautiful time they were having with you, and I was so happy that you could all be together. We are such a family family, are we not? And I am glad that it is so. It is incomprehensible to me how some families can talk about this relative + that relative, and say

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how much they dislike them etc.
I wouldn't give ~~up~~ up one of
mine, or trade one for anything.
It is so wonderful to remember
all the lovely times that various
ones have had together, and so
many of those beautiful times
have been at Glennport or at
Seminole Lodge. I know they
mean a great deal to my
family + I can enjoy them by
proxy - the Florida ones I mean,
for I've been fortunate enough
to join in so many of the ones
up here.

I had a very pleasant birthday.
To begin with, it was my Free
Day which made it seem quite
festive. Florence used my tickets
to the Philharmonic, + she + I

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had luncheon at the Beethoven
Association with Mrs. Stoeschel, who
went with me to "Blüthenfeld" after-
wards - There is a sweet little
woman! In the evening the
Library Staff took me out to dinner,
& we had a gay informal time -
An altogether pleasant day through-
out.

There was the sweetest picture
of you & Uncle Thomas in the
Sunday Times - Did you see it? It
looked so natural & you both, &
you seemed so happy - I'm going
to cut it out & put it in a little
frame from Woolworth's until I
get home - I hope the Red Cross
Drive was successful - it
certainly sounded as if it were
going to be.

And Uncle Thomas' birthday celebration was certainly exciting. The Family sent me the accounts in the local papers & I enjoyed reading them tremendously. You must be glad that all the excitement has died down, however. There are always two sides to anything of that kind!

I went to the Pioneer luncheon to represent my fond parents & was horrified to find so few of the Family there - Florence & Uncle John, Marion, Thomas & Beatrice. I was glad that I had made the effort to help swell the numbers a bit. It was a very pleasant gathering, but one misses such moving spirits as Mr. Lieb, for instance.

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Things go on about the same here. Mother probably told you that we have a new young chief. So far he seems to be doing very well — at any rate, he appears to be anxious to keep us happy & contented, and that is something for which to be thankful. Then too he is young & pliable, & doesn't think he knows it all, which is something of an advantage!

My spare time is taken up with attending library dinners, (which I don't particularly enjoy) & attending concerts, opera & the theatre (which I do enjoy). There have been a great many very lovely concerts this winter, & with the Wagner cycle begun, I'm quite content with
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the musical activities -

Does anyone hear from Aunt Grace? I've thought of her so constantly and wondered how she was getting on, but have heard nothing - even second hand - If she goes South, I wish she would stop & stay with me a couple of days - I could take care of her quite comfortably though not what you would call luxuriously!

I do hope that you are going to have a chance to rest now, without any more big festivities. It was good to know that Uncle Thomas was feeling better, & I'm sure he'll continue to improve in all that sunshine you seem to be having. Now

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you should begin to take things
a little bit easier, and not
work too hard - it's alright to
be interested in civic things, but
not to the extent of using up your
strength ~~with~~ as you are so
inclined to do -

Thank you again, dear Aunt
Mina, for remembering me - Please
give my love to Uncle Thomas, &
tell him that one of my friends
remarked the other day, that it
was fortunate he was not
inclined to Hay fever!

Much, much love to you,
Mary Anna -

MARIAN NICHOLS
THE TOPS
118 EDGEHURST ROAD
SCARSDALE, N. Y.

Sunday -

Dear Aunt Nina: -

I've thought of you so very
often these last days, and
especially to-day after hearing
the sad news -

Dear Aunt Nina, we all
know so well what it means
to you, whose whole life has
been given up to Uncle Thomas,
so absolutely and completely -

What a consolation it must be
to you to know that he realized
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how fully he depended upon ²
you, and that you never
failed him in the slightest
degree - Such a life as yours
together remains an inspiration
to such as I. So many
happy memories come rushing
back to me, and I am glad
that I can think of Uncle
Thomas as a dear and
sweet Uncle, as well as the
wonderful man whom the
world knew.

I know that there are
many right at hand who are

MARIAN NICHOLS
TRIKE TOWN
118 EDGE MOUNT ROAD
SCARSDALE, N. Y.

nearer and dearer, so I feel
that I might only get in the
way + help cause confusion;
but if there is the slightest
little thing I can do to be of
any service, it will make me
so content to have you call
upon me -

Aunt Nina dear - what a
tower of strength you are! I hope
that some day you'll be fully
repaid for what you are and

have always been to all of us ⁴ -

Much, much love and
heartfelt sympathy,

Mary Anne -

MARIAN NICHOLS
THE TOPS
116 EDGEWORTH ROAD
SCARSDALE, N. Y.

November 9, 1931.

Dearest Aunt Nina: -

During the past two weeks I've tried three separate times to write to you, but in each case my letters seemed so poor, & my real feelings so badly expressed that I gave up in despair. At any rate I do want you to know that my thoughts have been with you these last trying weeks.

The kernel of the thing I have been trying to say is: that in spite of that sadness

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and sorrow of Uncle Thomas' death, there was some-thing so subtly beautiful and complete about the end ... well, you see, there is some-thing there in my consciousness but I cannot put my fingers on it -

you, dear Aunt Nina, what a wonderful thing it is you have done + are doing, & how heroically brave & strong you are! Always! I hope that if ever a sorrow of such magnitude comes to me, I shall be able to remember you + Aunt Grace + behave accordingly -

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MARIAN NICHOLS
TREE TOPS
118 EDGEMONT ROAD
SCARSDALE, N. Y.

I'm glad that you decided
to take Marion's Humble. I know
that her whole thought & desire
at the moment is to be of
service in any way possible,
& when one has that kind
of spirit one usually succeeds.

With very best of love to
you, Aunt Alma dear, and
lots of prayers for your comfort
& solace -

Mary Anne -

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Family Records Series -- Charles Edison Fund Collection
Edison-Miller Family Papers
Mary Miller Nichols and William Wallace Nichols

The selected items in this folder cover the years 1922-1931. They consist primarily of letters from Mary Miller Nichols to her older sister Mina Miller Edison. Some of the letters were written by Mary's husband William Wallace Nichols or jointly by Mary and William, and one is by Mary's sister-in-law Ida Nichols Holt. Included are references to Thomas Edison's work, health, and travel, his paternal and spousal roles, his relations with members of the Miller family, and the Golden Jubilee of the electric light in 1929. Additional items concern the treatment of Mary and William at the Battle Creek Sanitarium, visits with the Edison family at their winter home in Fort Myers, and the 1929 centennial of the birth of Lewis Miller held at Chautauqua. Among the numerous references to Edison's final illness in 1931 are a letter by Otto H. Falk, president of Allis-Chalmers, in response to a request by William Nichols for goats milk for Edison and a letter by Nichols, written a month before Edison's death, regarding funeral arrangements.

Mrs. Nichols



The Washington
Washington, D.C.

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My dear Miss -

Plenty of color to this heading!
With Mary at Camp Humphrey with Maicea
and Katherine and a few minutes before
I leave to keep a business appointment
I decided to write of something that
has been on my mind for some days.

Do you remember several months ago
you volunteered to call on Bettie Falk
at Miss - School? When I mentioned

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it to her father Genl. Falk - my "boss" -
he showed as much gratification
that I then and there determined I
would not ~~for~~ let you forget it,
which I could do with good grace
because I had so little to do with
your expressed intention. Bettie
seems such a nice girl of about
sixteen and comes of such a fine
family of two generations (her grandpa
is the Chew of our Exec. Comm. & the big
man of Milwaukee) that I have ^{no} hesitation
in recommending her to your notice.

The weather here is like spring - bright and
beautiful this morning. I wish you were here
with M - as I am being early and like to
try to clear up long deferred matters that
demand my attention. Now - see you at
the U.S. Tariff Commissioner's Office -

Love to your good Shabby and as always
to your dear self -

Will.

Wolfe Dick
messengers for
Lucius

City - the motor from here would meet you
spend the day here - or part of the day and
motor to Arcadia and catch your train
at that place. The sad part was that
your train reaches Haines City in the
middle of the night - 2 a.m. - or thereabouts
so I was sure no amount of urging would
make you get off at Haines City.

I've laid up with a tremendous headache
on the heel of my right foot. For some time
walking the first three days I was here.

Met Mrs. & Mr. Bosh of the Ladies Home
Journal. Mrs. Bosh says they have your
they seem very interesting indeed -
Call Mr. Phelps - Bailey - and Madame
Samsonoff - Olga - all very interesting.

The whole place is made up of fine people
and I feel it a relief to find a spot where
the satisfaction of the 18th Amendment is not
the whole topic of conversation and booze
is not thrust at you at every turn. There
the atmosphere of the people is well on the place.

MOUNTAIN LAKE CLUB
LAKE WALES, FLORIDA

Miss dear:-

Fred thinks he has found
the haven of the east in this spot.
It's the most like Colorado of any spot
he ever saw - and it's lovely -

I guess you won't stop as my postal
proposed at Haines City - so here is
a welcome to Ft. Myers!

I wish you could have stopped here for
I've since you would love it. It's high -
the lakes - has no inlet or outlet but keeps
supplied by subterranean rivers or what not.
And since we are here - the weather is
perfect - they do tell us tho' that they do
have other kind of weather sometimes.

If you can - go to Arcadia - and
then motor up here - the roads are
fine from Arcadia to this place - so
they say - You could have stopped at Haines
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I am sure your visit at Acumole Lodge will be a
great rest to you - the weather is perfect and that my
stay will help. It must be lovely there - just touch a
tree or a flower affectionately for me - and know that
I love the dear place too. I wonder if Edith is with you
It would do her a world of good - I hope she will find
herself good and ready that there are still many lonely
things for her to do. Give her my love - you know the little
pinner - It comes to me just now -

"Do it true, O Christ in Heaven that the strongest
suffer most - that the noblest wander furthest
and throb helplessly an out - that the ^{most} ~~more~~ of
sacks in nature is capacity for pain -"

I can't remember it all - but it often seems that way.

Will is sleeping the sleep of the just. He is going with
Pho. Kelly for a drive soon - I suppose I ought to broken
him as he will have to drive.

Love, dear sister, from a peaceful restful time - and
return home rested & happy ~~Wendy~~.

My dear Mina -

I join M. in expressing the hope that you will come, for this
may be as much of a revelation to you as it has been to us. Think of
the Orange Mts. in a Florida landscape interspersed with innumerable
beautiful lakes (500 in Fla. Co.) and of all wonders, a dry Cal. climate, Cal.
sunshine, Cal. air, Cal. ambition & the sense of a physical well-being. But best
of all are the people - as M. intimates, "Culture" prevails - and there is an ab-
sence of the irritating superficialities that make N.Y. etc. so undesirable.
They even play golf here for gambling, seems to be tabooed; I have
not heard of a wager (Irap wood!) which is an unheard of thing any-
where that is the principal topic of converse - even Calif. is no
exception to that rule. Books are under discussion - now - good books.
I that I had lost the atmosphere when I left New-Haven - but I discover
that there are others, if one knows where to look. So do drive over &
witness a phenomenon. - Much love to you and your husband, I hope
Fish are biting.

Will. -

know how blessed little or simple ²
things are but ~~either~~ ^{we} Mother did -
I wish there too however had had the
pleasure of all the comforts you are
mistaking I think especially little
Mother would have enjoyed Chautauque
more.

Homes is improving rapidly -
Aunt Annie was at a tea this pm.
for Grace Nichols - Ed's wife - on
Riverside Drive. She left Homes
Sunday night. She makes great
fun of John wanting all the windows
open, draftight and all. They think
you and John are very hot blooded -
Aunt Annie gives the baby six months
to live - with the cold.

Mel is in Pittsburg - so Louise & Minnie
and I are going to get dinner some-
where - Co's. Club & imagine - and then

Mary
MRS. ROBERT MILLER
RECHAM, NEW YORK

My dearest Minnie:-

Mel & I just read your
letter to Louise and it is certainly
fine that you feel as happy as you
do on Rachel's book. The dear child
has tried so very hard how could it be
otherwise than a pleasure to you.
I suppose the little house does seem
little because it is little - It was always
darling when we moved groups to Chan-
celyne from our big houses - and
just that dear little cottage waiting
to give us a welcome; just because it
was so tiny and no great responsibility
shape you've never feel otherwise
about it - People as a rule don't
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g^o to the Ladies - Louise is going home with 3
us for the night - so we are having quite a
space and visit. Better call up Nell and have
them join you at Chautauquan Tuesday night
to show him the sights.

The letters sound so cheerful and attractive -
I am so glad. Keep up the good work -
all will come right if any little thing is wrong.

Saw Edith for an hour or so. The day we
went over to see Florence. She seems so much
better - You certainly did wonder for her while
you were south. Did you do so much for yourself.
We are enjoying the wonderful grapefruit every
day. It is different from all other grapefruit
I have ever had of it. I could eat the grapefruit
box to come from Mine! Thanks again and again for this
box. It is my principal part of my breakfast.

I am mailing you some papers of hope & assurance
work. I am sure you would be interested if you
realized the good the work is doing. Read
carefully and prayerfully.

God bless the little cottage - the owner and her
white keeper. I am dying to see it!

Love Mary.

May 1/22



At home - deserted and alone and the
longest day in the year 1862.

My dear Mina -

If Mrs. Nichols is still at your party, please
give her my respectful greetings and tell her this
is a pretty how-da-do. - I figure I'm 6 letters ahead
with no word but what has been passed to me by the
cook for 3 days. As soon as I get this little business
off I think I'll go off on a spree with the boys -
and girls, just to worry her. -

I see your speechifying again according to the
morning papers and I enclose the Tribune's account.
I am curious to know how you expressed that
"bitterness". Newspapers are always so unsatisfactory
in having too much to their readers' imagination.

Now to business! Let me know or you can write
Mr. Lacy direct whether you want this act. I forgot
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to tell you that in obedience to your request I
"scoured" the City to find no such James Austin
as you specified. Putnam had just disposed
of the set you wanted - of course, - apparently
they're in demand. -

Glennout was beautiful Sunday - I saw your
peacock and he was gorgeous - and he know it:
My visit is a matter of record and I hope my
recalcitrant wife - your sister was discrete in
her quotations. "For err is human, to forgive
divine" - I'll prove my divinity, by sending her
my love thru you, who are requested to believe me
Ever your loving brother -

Will. -

Also to Grace, Louise, Rachel and other Miller
sojourners. -



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Secretariat sister.

A note to tell you of our safe arrival of Hal standing on the curb of the hotel waiting waiting for his bond man. Of my little homesick feeling that nice to me not here - of the lovely flowers Hal had in each of our rooms to greet us - lovely gladiolus - of the great maintenance you lovely courage had to the heat and how truly it took this morning - I dozed it - over night in the wash bowl - and it's only ready for another days service.

*Hal's Carver are spending the day at least - planning a macabrous - The picture is beautiful. I imagine they will
AKRON HAS COME BACK - WATCH US GROW
not leave today anyway as Hal has said to get this done. He is a*

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Great departure for our sister and she for him. All things come
to him who waits while he wait's edim.

When you get this - there will be one big happy smile on your face
I know - with Madeline there with her babies - I suppose Teddy
doesn't like to be babies any more so I'll say children - Kiss them
all for Auntie Annie - I wish we had them there at least.

As I must fly - Grace & Hal nice & ready for breakfast just
if I don't put on my finishing touches - The dress - I no longer
have decoration - You did make my this wedding day so wonderful -
Thank you, dear sister - it was wonderful - I wish I'll see
about to right sheet of paper. Love always -

Chary

June 30. 22

me of its merits - I am²
disappointed that the
Kidd Bros. did not give
up a careful study
as they have the front.
You better write Mr. Peabody
and see too - so they
will know we are
behind them and
interested -

Mie says he cannot
go Thursday night to
Blanchard's after all - he

MRS. WILLIAM WALLACE NICHOLS
SCARSDALE, NEW YORK

Dear Mima -

Did you get
the "Kidd" plans - evidently
they do not favor the
gun - as they have only
made a shed for that
attraction. I've written
Mr. Beator and see that I
would prefer the gun
and that you and
Elizabeth fully convinced

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has an important engagement ³
on Thursday night and Friday
night - He says I can go and
spend Friday night ^(not you & Blanche) and he will come
Saturday - then we'll go to Morristown
and spend Saturday night and see
Pill's farm returning home Sunday
afternoon. I'm sorry that ^{Bill has} ^{at Blanche's} Bill has
to cancel Thursday night as for that
was the best plan for me.
I'll write Blanche tonight.
Love to you all - Mary.

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Tuesday night.

My darling sister Maria
I am awfully
homesick for you tonight. I hated
terribly to come away from you
when I know you wanted me to stay.
I'm sure I would have stayed but
man is not so easily made to change
plans and some we had too. I was
simply astonished at Bill's improvement
the last few days - really since Saturday
he seems to have quite become himself
and is getting restless to get to work -
wants to hasten his recovery. I'm sure
he'll be all right again. Thank you for
our lovely comfortable quarters - I'm
sure, too, it helped to hasten his recovery
to be so lonely and comfortable - no
thought of meeting a lot of people
every minute and having to talk. His
last day with you, he said. "I feel I need
with a speech" - The rooms we had

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were just the thing for us - They were
so bright and sunny and Will needed
the sun - and the little sitting room
was so comfortable for him for he
could sit there so comfortably and
write his business letters - I enjoyed
the extra bed room too, for I crawled
out nearly every morning but the last
three and could get dressed and slip
away without his knowing that I had gone.
and I do love those early morning walks.
They seem nearer to nature than those
later in the day.

We miss ed you and Thomas too, on the
drive today. It wasn't cold a bit until
just the end. It would have been better
for you than the hot days, as you say
this time you so. Do come after us -
The drive is lovely (not so wonderful as
the one day before yesterday, that was a
beauty!) but lovely & not too rough. Very
cheerful four years ago when you brought
note letters - They have a big sign up
showing the universe inside the
world.

This place would rejoice your soul.
The women all smoke old, young & indifferent

Ill be ready out of it if I stay very long.
I imagine all very smelly -
The table is very good - but the waitress
is a terrible lousy  she throws things on
the table.

Tell the girl that the oil stove in
our room was going after they left
and when I went back into our
room the odor was very icky. Hope
it's out tonight. Will probably go to
bed with the chickens -

Senator McCain is here - he is eating
his dinner now. I think he lives on
his yacht. He seems to be quite a big bug.

There are four men playing cards
just behind me - evidently very smelly
men as they speak of giving permits
to people to go through their grounds
at Red Ranch ??

Will try and find Miss Stevens tomorrow
Hope the wind dies down as it's very hard
walking on the beach as the girls
can testify. It's was only if them to
come down with us - made it much
easier to break away from the dear
family group.

Wonder if you are playing hal-
long or pool? I thought when
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we go North, we could leave our⁴
set with you and if we wanted
to play do I guess we will - we could
get a set like it would you come
then we could change back - of
course, we want our set that you
gave us, see? If that would accom-
modate you, we would be glad to do it
that way.

Bill's reading is unusual in his corner
and enjoying his book - I heard him
across the room laughing to himself
I wish I could enjoy a book - the way
he does - He appreciates the humor and
laughs it immensely - rarely smiles
when reading even if I do see the fun.
He reads everything too, he puts his hands
on - and so rapidly - I'd give a lot for
that gift.

Words of love to you and the group
there with you - love men a little
pray for me often - that I, too, may
attain an unselfish and charitable
disposition toward all - It's wonderful
to have an understanding nature - it's so
easy to misunderstand - and I as often
take the easy way - God bless you both, love always
March 14-20
W. H. D. W.

Fountain Inn
EUSTIS, Fla.

My dear Mima —

"I was awed thus." — "The best laid plans
of mice & men oft gang aglee." Your extreme
thoughtfulness on our account and fear I am
afraid it was — lest we might suffer ^{in your minds} from an
apparent lack of consideration for us at the
last minute that prompted you to upset
our plan to leave without ceremony has been
a topic of several mutings in our trip here.
We appreciated it greatly — more perhaps
than it would be comely for me to say — &
we want you to know it — otherwise I would
not write you thus. — In short, your practical
effusion gave you away! We ate the
lunch — which for once, probably because
you put it up, was just enough. I suppose

until the end of time hired girls will prepare lunches²
for their kind - not reckoning on the appetites of people
of "refined taste", afflicted by leisure.

Neither Mary nor I wanted to leave you - you made
our stay altogether too interesting - we did not deserve it
& we both felt very guilty - as ~~the~~ we had imposed on
your hospitality. - There was nothing to suggest such
an idea beyond ^{with its care} the houseful, at a time when you &
your good husband should be resting. Why do you
do it? It's about time that you should use your
Florida vacation as a term of retirement from the frets
of society; you can't make it so, if you give big house-
parties to distract you. - Now I have a confession which
I feel I should make - and "an honest confession" is -
as you know - "good for the soul."

Our first visit (before we retired to Naples) was not a
happy one and after careful deliberation, I can't well
see how it could have been. - I was sick - real sick,
sicker perhaps than was evident. There's a reason.
Even if other conditions, for which no one was especially
responsible, had been propitious - things could not
have gone well, as long as they were subject to my
reactions. You were tired and sick too and your
sympathetic nature made you worry on more than one
account (and I flatter myself, I was one), which is al-
ways bad. It was a great mistake to have taken

advantage of your kindness under the circum³
stances and I can't forgive myself for doing
so. My only excuse, was that I could not be
sure of Livibel, Naples or any other place
(I was sick, remember,) and the Royal Palace had
become impossible - I was in an unreasonable
(and unreasoning) frame of mind - everything
there "jarred" me beyond endurance. - Now,
I think you were much less derelict during
that visit than you think you were to judge
by what you wrote to Mary at Naples and
we can't forget soon
the exceeding charm of the welcome you gave
when we returned. If there was anything
to forgive - you have since more than
squared yourself and we are under
obligations (I know you don't like the term
neither do I, but I have no other now) for the

Fountain Inn
Easts, Fla.

thousand and one "favours" you ^{fully} showered
on us. - Blessings attend you! -

I wish your husband knew how I dis-
liked leaving him - and his fishing.

Please tell him, that I understand these
lakes are "full" of gamey bass, &c. If
we stay longer than tomorrow - I expect to
have a try at them as is now proposed.

We are treated like Nabobs and Mr. &
Mrs. Waterman are kindness itself. - This
hotel is new and exceptionally fine. In
that respect we are delighted. We may
stay til Thursday. - it depends somewhat
on the weather. In mountains this place

beats Lake Wales & Mt. Lakes - It reminds
one of the lower Berkshire country - I think
of that ^{in Florida}. The Lakes are charming. The
Wolf Lakes are picturesque indeed.
Birds & flowers are plentiful &
the former are protected and they
seem to know & appreciate it.

Now I have to hustle to dinner.
Give my love to the girls & "Tommy"
and keep a lot for ~~the~~ your dear
self - Ever affectionately

Your brother Will.

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Sister's Letter



The Battle Creek Sanitarium
Battle Creek Michigan


Miss dear, I certainly thank you for the lovely chrysanthemum that came to me or us on the 15th. Will was sitting on my room when I came from the treatment and there were three wonderful chrysanthemum on my bed - a huge box full - 12 of them - and each one perfect. The maid got me a large vase and I arranged them all for two or three hours this morn - I took a few of them to Dr. Johnson and she was delighted - so you see or had on my several very nice you! - they represented you. I'll let you know how - it's doing me such a world of good. I feel like another

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person. I've been here a week or a day. I'm going to have my 2
tooths out - probably Wednesday - I hope. That I have no diabetes
or AIDS - but have the arthritis - so out come my tooth
and then that question will be settled and in a letter while they
can tell if the arthritis comes from that. I'm going to have
my teeth attended to by Dr. Merrill.

Mike left this afternoon for Milwaukee - I had to have him
go but I guess he had to - will be back next Saturday
probably and then I'll not see him or anyone for a long
time. I think it was dear of him to arrange to be here in 15-5 -
his business went off beautifully for me - he seems so happy
about it - that I'm sure it did. I'm sorry none of your family
was here to help encourage him or to receive his message.

Goodnight - dear sister - thank you again - your flowers
made our mutual birthday a very happy day despite the cold
and the distance from home. I only wish I dared urge you
to come and accompany me in my hunt for health & a happy old age
but I dare not, for fear you would not be happy. I'm sure this diet

and treatment would soon make you feel like another³
person - you'd soon be ten years younger in feeling -
I'm going to stick at it till I find the cause of my arth-
ritis - to see them for crippled people  people urge me on all
the more. Ideal becoming an old cripple and slow and am
feeling getting there.

I didn't mean to talk so much about myself - you'll forgive
that - when you saw that underneath there is the thought
of you - that we might be too happy healthy old ladies together
some fifteen years from now - they not prepared for old age
just as we prepared for youth - life is no long education
getting always ready for something better and higher - go on
your diet anyway, Lucia, take agar + soylen with your meals
and get your stimulating system in fine condition and
a lot of the load will be already lifted - Do it - it pays.
I am taking also three desert spoonful of Paraffine oil before
each meal and 6 doses spoonful (any full) of Kalo Bantline - between the meals

and it goes without saying - I'm getting restless. I heard 4
the trouble - the doctors here Mr Page & Thompson said not to
leave them out - but I guess if they were me today they would be
dying - Dr. Johnson says "by all means leave them out"

Don't see the family - I miss your letter notes but
don't write - I know you can't do more than you can do -
and I'll take the bill for the deed.

Your loving sister Mary

Mrs. said to thank you for him - but now he's gone.

100.16.25.



WALTER ROUNSEVELL, MANAGING OWNER

Dearling Missie; Sunday Jan. 6/11
Phil is just in bed and I too
am here - but I don't try to sleep for some
time I rather walk or ride. Phil wants me
to go to bed when he does - so here I am.
He's awfully nervous tonight - those nervous
spells go by fits and starts - he has been
free for several days but today he seems
so depressed and nervous. He has taken
a sedative and perhaps will sleep better
in the morning and perhaps feel better.
I want to thank you sister dear for all
those magazines - No one did not know
they were ours at all. I suppose that was
stupid but there were so few people here
we thought the hotel had done it. Never

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loaned on us they were not to be returned
to the office or general reading room. It
was dear of you and has given us a lot of
serious reading - I on all these magazines
Country Life - Home & Garden - Life - Will
think Life has gone completely to the wall
but although it's not what it used to be
still enjoying reading it. Atlantic Monthly
is a beauty! Mr. Lee's got some light literature
for Will he is such a great reader that doesn't
keep up with him. Some of the books he got
for Xmas are too heavy reading for him
too philosophical. He says it tires his brain
and him to read deep things - Perhaps that's
what's the trouble tonight - he has read too
much and too heavy things.

I am reading "Opinions of a Cheerful Yankee"
by Irving Bacheller - It's very interesting
criticizing life as it is today in U.S. and
quite of your opinion that on an a very

non church going people ³ and that we will pay
for it - as a nation in the not far distant future.
The young people should read the book - but if
Comma they never will. This continual jazz music
has so much as anything to do with the subject. It
puts me on his toes the minute it starts. We have nothing
but a victrol here in the line of music - one boy has
a lot of nice records and he is on every other night
and runs the victrol all the time we are at dinner.
Then the next night - the jazz and he runs so soon as we are.

I only wanted to thank you for that wonderful letter, all
about Omas & the same stories, etc, I should say, and
for the magazine - It seemed wonderful to walk into our
little bungalow and find you were so here - everything
so nice - flowers - and magazine - they were on the table
and we both explained and enjoyed them. It looked so
homely and inviting. You certainly have a wonderful way of

sharing your blessings I don't believe me, in a thousand words
how thoughtful of doing such a thing. We had your letter - with some
more we could see the whole Christmas party - the nice packages
etc - and then the ice cream must have been a meal of beauty.

We are 80 and now depression day now - a marvelous sunshine
hope will do us here of the morning for it is monotonous - only
is the chief entertainment and he can't ride - I wish he could, it would
help to pass the time. His legs are strong, he thinks so ever - but the
upper part of his body goes out.

Yesterday, a.m. We went for a nice walk yesterday up the
river bed - came to a pretty cove and went in - to show
how well is progressing - he stepped into a quicksand and
it threw him forward, fortunately; he picked himself up
and I built a bridge of planks for him to get back. I
think I was more used up than he - for I was really all
in or he was just back. He is going to start the bath today
the doctor here thinks it will help a lot - I wish there were
some fine men here for him to enjoy but they seem
to be a very scarce article no matter where you go.

See I am quite mixed up my paper
written on the sheets.

This is Will's last day too of meals or breakfast
in bed - He says he is very tired of it - he has
been tired for quite a while but I've urged
his taking it easy in the morning.

Pr grin up this little bungalow on
the 19th I'm sorry for me all so comfortable
here - and on I must go into one room
this bed - fortunate at - but I can see
I'll keep this weeks so I'm a very restless
 sleeper and my continual turning keeps
me awake. If on first it does not

work - will go on to some other place -
It's today and warm - something all the time
and cold night - The back out horse back
are fine - hot the land - I'm long for you
only wish I'd fly along to that for me -
What along old dream of childhood - what
a glorious home we had! -

Marie Anne seems to be happy - she
wrote that everybody has pined her down
to 2 weeks and so she can't get out of

it. I see from a letter from Elizabeth she was up there
over one night - probably Saturday, & returned Sunday.
Elizabeth said she couldn't keep her long enough for a whole
down hill. I hope you get her again, if you ever see her
and of course I hope that Johnnie, too, makes her

Grace & Hal sail next Wednesday. I hope they have
a perfect time. If only you & Thomas were going with
them - especially for Thomas and Grace sends you
to be sorry you need the trip and Grace needs you.
You might both get a better trip, tho' for I think the best
was you both up. So here's for wishing a perfect trip
some time in the future. I hope you get off my
top of Millard's Candy for Thomas.

Will is deceasing - and I'm glad to be writing a
hundred thank you notes - Someway I don't
get at writing formal letters. I just feel like
chattering away like this to you or Mary Anne who
I know so well.

Love to you all and many, many thanks
for all the kindness and loving thought and deeds
of these days and the past few months. God bless you -
and keep you so the sincere wish of your sister
Mary.

18-27

I hope William is very much better by this time. He
certainly had a hard time. I'll try to get a letter
to them if I can soon. You were dear to go to them
so much and I hope it will be some fruit.

I am glad Xmas was such a success. Madeline & Carolyn
do make lovely packages - but yours are beautiful too. I am
so glad you had Mary Anne's scarf - she worked so
delicately and with such thought of each one as she knit.
She is a dear child! You've received your telegram
I've sent me to you with Mary Anne says my letter got
there in Xmas day. Thank you for the telegram too.

It's just this minute rec. a telegram from H. J. Holt that
she will arrive here, Sunday, tomorrow morning, 6.30 at the
junction. I am so glad for Will - he seemed really
promised to see her - and invited her to come at his expense.

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She could not come on account of illness - bladder inflammation
etc. she was so appreciative of your gift to her. It has only
longed of you to send her a card. It is a my appreciative card.
I feel so proud and happy in having one of your first
limited items. It's a fine way to occupy your time and
helpful in keeping you rested on your trips.
Your description of the ice storm is thrilling. you certainly
used your eloquence and you saw a very vivid picture
I hope you all keep well surely tell me whenever
convenient you are already thinking of Florida this is
nearly the middle of February and Florida
go down there, or if you prefer you can
to take a trip next this year. Florida must be a little
too crowded these days to please them and here we have
the whole world, almost, to ourselves. I often think Florida
formed her it here. I feed the birds daily and the red
birds all but come on the porch and sit beside my
Chair - Will had his bath & now the rest & nap over.
I hope he will like it - so it will help to occupy his time. I don't
think of a woman he has to have something to do. Love to you all Mary.
1897

midst of luncheon when a party went by - they passed
to the Lord and Lady that come (Grandson of the King -
Come of Canadian Prince) - They fell very graceful
having arrived at the spring first - and thereby shutting
out any other ideas - They passed on to the Indian mounds
where on ground there a couple of hours later setting
their lunch - We climbed on horse back to almost the
highest point of the mounds and so had very little dis-
tance to walk - then walked to the top where the ancient
Indians had hill-dwellings and fortifications - old broken
pottery lay around on the ground - and I found an arrow-
head. I was sorry afterwards that I took any thing because it
really should be kept right there - The mound covers up about
the surrounding country and you can see for forty, fifty miles
in all directions - It's a beautiful sight and the dome of
blue heavens above makes a perfect picture. I often think
of Theodore and his colored camera - what pictures this
country would make! We came home without seeing the
mounds or a little more - some riding for this section of your don't you

think so. I never did ride like you but I'm doing pretty well!
That mostly sitting tight in the saddle like a cowboy! It's not
fun - Will doesn't feel up to it, but I hope he will get the
idea so he can really enjoy the riding when he goes - If you
will see - no need go off riding and Thomas & Will sit here
in this glorious sun. Thomas would be in it - no people to speak
of - and very truly gone, who is here with the mountain water
making to riding - It was the first time in not any body

riding yesterday - The mountains are so wet that a couple
many people died and never met. Lord & Lady were
my men - but very kindly - really, they say -

What can we do for Thomas's birthday - what could we give
him - a gold headed cane? you remember how Father wanted
a gold headed cane? but what good would it do Thomas?
I'll see to give him something he would really like and need
use? - What is it?

Isn't it only that Charles & Carolyn have gone to Heaven
they will have a lovely time - wish we were going home
by Panama and Florida but we have our tickets by Atlantic
It's foolish to always do the same thing, but of course it's family

Wrest him and he must not always go
away from them. ^{Eda has been absent}
the most she can ^{and} ^{and} ^{and} appreciate
so much your ^{and} ^{and} ^{and} gift - at Christmas
time. It was dear ^{and} ^{and} ^{and} of you to think of
sending these something when they were so
small one ^{and} ^{and} ^{and} condition.
Dearest Mr. Gibson - I have just loved
being here with Will & Mary & it has done me
wonders of good. I just hate to leave them today
but I shall get home to my precious Harry - a girl
full of love to you my dear - Eda

Dearest Mina - This is not intentionally a "round
robin" - but as the opportunity offers - an unused sheet,
excess energy and the time - I take advantage of it.
You may think my reference to "time" strange - but I've
never been so busy before doing nothing and time, you
know, always passes in proportion to the way it is oc-
cupied. It goes here with a speed extraordinary. I
can hardly realize that we are in our fifth week
here. I breakfast 7.30 to 8 am - then read about in the
Sun (somewhat of a job as you wd understand if

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my nerves are still "on edge" - near my skin - so I must quit ³
while I can. - Be assured that I rejoice in your letters and other
interesting consideration. It's characteristic of you. - Give my love to
your good husband & tell him we can give him all but the fish that
Florida provides - He would miss many of the comforts of Seminole
dodge, of which he is to be envied. -

Yours
sincerely yours

—will.

1/25/27

you could see our Xmas library) - a hike or a bath brings
me to Luncheon - then, more sun - a nap for an hour (the
sun sets at 4-4:30) - solitaire til dinner - cards after-
ward & to bed about 9 p.m. - How's that for a convalescence?
You will note that I have written only of my days doings -
my wife's are of a very different character as you may
judge by her own account. The way she gallivants
all over this mountainous country side with a handsome
cowboy is - as I have written brace - little short of
scandalous, as you may guess when you look at the
pictorial records of her offensively feelings. I really
think you should be here to chaperone her for I can't. -
It is a pity you can't get a taste of this glorious climate.
Give me those ultra-violet rays, cloudless skies of deepest
azure and a surrounding mountain sky line that never
times one, a play of color to thrill, a veritable host of
strange & beautiful (warbling) birds, in preference to
all the crystal storms Old King Boreas can inflict on
you poor Easterners. You have my sympathy. - If I keep
on I'm afraid my feelings would overcome me - for



2/19/77

Moose deer and Thomas too: —

How does it seem to be 80°? You have
nothing on us tho' for we had our 40th at Yell
University - and that is going some!
Florida can't beat us in anything either for we have
just experienced the cruelest, most persistent, rain
storm Will or Deen saw - He says even in 77 there
was complete days with never a break in the clouds -
never a moment of sunshine! That's lovely Arizona
weather for you - and three thousand miles from it
just to get down! - Well, here in the sun this morning
and every body will be happier - There has been
no rain for one day, yesterday the sixth day
again, we could get neither in or out of this place. Count
Monaco came in the day before in a big Cadillac limousine
and since the river is no longer a dry river bed, he
found it a raging stream and his Cadillac got stuck part
way out in the stream and he had to be rescued by our
boys, had to desert his limousine and yesterday the Monaco
Admiral decided to abandon over the top - With the best
of that car; I should have thought he would have had more
sense than to try to ford such a raging stream any way!
3-20-57

The doctor has just been in - and he says there is nothing like a day in bed⁴
to build up one's nerves - quiet - away from people - just to let it every now and then
and keep a thing held of one's nervous system! I've come to the conclusion
that we as women owe it to ourselves and family, that don't know how to exercise
and look after us - except to call in the doctor, so why not be nice and exercise,
and look after ourselves a bit - just sitting from everybody - and take a day of rest -
Perhaps that was the starting of the Sabbath. One day a week the seventh day - the Lord
rested - we are superior to Him - that we can do more! This is not a serious
the Dr. was just in here - and I thought I'd pass it on. All this
T. H. C.'s ought to resolve this - we are all old enough and perhaps have
done most of our share in this world - and could do the remaining amount
much better if we conserve ourselves!


Castle Hot Springs Hotel
and Burglatorium
HOT SPRINGS
ARIZONA

Dear dear. I am sending this letter from
Mary Trilsten to show you that she
and Louis Alexandria have had grandfathers
and grandmothers Alexander's grand
mother to St. August. When was this
a couple of years ago. Their graves were
in a little town of Kentucky which had
been entirely deserted of its inhabitants. And
other graves had been removed but these
two were there all around in and the
stones which unmarked were on the ground.
I am very glad they have been removed and
know that you too will be interested. The St
August cemetery while small is well
kept and pretty. And in a community

having done with you the question that is what she needs. Having to get 3
has not the least of giving - not especially good, up with the literary -
Mabel's mind is a work of fiction - I don't know what in great abundance.

Love to you two dears - someone who is sick of
this year - I hope someone else people and the State do the
same as you very get a rest!! -

Mary.

2/10/71

Hope my flowers were fine - I should have to be. Thanks

for the "little gem" - it brought us quite close to you -

It's to tell you how to find the way carrying the

message of you in a sweet way - God bless them & you!

Very enough to name care.

I pick up your long letter to read and
read it - that's not so as missing by being
away from New York. But you give a lot too.

I'm sure all the contents and ideas for two
years now - speaking of Back - in your letter
I could hear the orchestra playing Back - I could
see & like Back - never get tired of hearing it -

John & Madam don't know what they miss by not
enjoying that artist - I am anxious to hear how
you had Phil. Will. mail off and how the girls
looked in their finery - We have been reassured
for over a week by the rains - as I imagine the
mail today will be enormous -

Did Thomas have his portrait done by Miss Vicari?
I should like to see her painting my much more
dainty than those portraits - however I should not miss
having a portrait had I a family to pass it to too.
You have been wonderfully good to that little girl.
I love the picture - what with the Crescent in your
box and the rock side. And the long birthday party -
(You don't wait for the news of that) She is a very fortunate
little girl. She is having the time of her life with her
little reds etc. - and seems very happy. It was fine your



Castle Hot Springs Hotel Feb. 28, '27
and "Bungalow"
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ARIZONA

Dear Nina dear. It do seem thousands of
miles apart now. It seems ages since your
telegram of safe arrival in Florida. I thought
the plane was out as bad as you expected. I
knew it's long! I never take more forty years
to get across such place! and think of the increase
in value clear, dear. It might have been in a
spot that never has gone down instead of up. My
how I wish I could just get a peek at you this
morning and have a little chat. I imagine you
are eating well that is right - since the letters
are so scarce. We got a wonderful description
of your party through Mary Anne. She sent a
long letter and told us every thing. She fully
enjoyed it and fell in love with Mr. Allen Ford.
It must have been beautiful from the description.
I guess my little flowers of love are miles, my love to the
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piece in the gulf from this point to my next.
We had climbed to the top of this canyon and found
that it was a precipice - to go over the top and
down another slope to the West. We on account
plished that last Sunday to 6 P.M. I took, from
D. W. Chalmers - Mrs. Emil Peterson (Editorial Journal of
the regular army - and vice crimped with various poor
men) and someone chaired (Protection) back and
nearly crawled (I crawled to the next valley) to the edge
of the peak but looked down on a horrible landscape
since thousands feet below. Then we went on and found
one way down the canyon mentioned above. This cut
was done just as the stream and arches are not secure
and there is danger of falling stones at every step. I found
that was rather expensive and for that reason I packed
to try. Well that was my next big strike up (I guess) pack
yesterday. The snow was not nearly as hard and the
the glaciers near of the mountains. Miles and miles

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mass. I can see you standing there such
receiving 600 men. But you case that informed
Mr. men with you all day. Well I'm sure you
could not have had a better day. From all I
read and hear. You must have been dead.

I have a cardinal here saying to me as write!
Well is taking his bath - and me. I am waiting
for him. He is getting tired of my household calls
as he gets along he seems to want me more
more than before. As I suppose before he slept
a lot and had and didn't feel like moving too
much. Now very often he is eager for a good
like and he wants me along - and kind the
etc.

Today there is a big party of us going on
a picnic about ten minutes from the hotel - up
the canon. Will Mr. Paul or a few of us will
walk - while several go on horses. I induced
Will to go as I think he would like to try to
miss a little bit with people, but I feel guilty
often after getting him to go - as it makes him very
tired and then he gets depressed.
March 7. You see I dropped this - and now will

Away - perhaps sixty miles or more - It was soft
and paid for the superlative effort of climbing and
the double one of descending. He had a little lunch on
top so spent a couple of hours resting and enjoying
the view and especially the softness and sunshine.
They saw us from the porch of the hotel and waved
and a Mr. Lindsey flashed a light with a mirror.
Congratulating us - and all arrived us upon our
return. I wonder which peak will be our
next try. He has a wish from today or tomorrow
15th so we can't do many more.



Miss dear:—

Your telegram came before your letter - so we did not know when we telegraphed one "all well" that you had been ill. I am certainly relieved to know you were well enough to write and then this telegram shows you well again. Tucson is awful - do be careful what you eat, in the warm climate it's more than north. You say very little of it and I hope you

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I hadn't heard at all of his illness - and Robert's
I hope he is all right. Must write him too.
Cory Beebe is not feeling well - and really
that must make it hard for you - You really
any way Miss dear - and get along for the month -
You shall I think to help you through the rest of the
year - I am glad of Thomas too found Ruben
I think that nice to be useful in the business - It must be
to go to Chicago to see the people there - It must be
wonderful! and that must not be crowded with
people. Now we find that 100 people are a great
plenty in your case!!

I hope Charles & Leonard will surprise their
father with a successful ploughing - I'm sure
they have the chance of they take it - You will
Mr Morrison sent when he was here. Will - I hope
are not so far ahead - You people here the organization
and everything and Bill Lee. I thank you.

really are well again. Edith must
have written before you were ill
as her letter says nothing of it:

I'd like to be near enough to
nurse and take care of you. I
think it would be a good idea for
us to employ a couple of nurses
by the year - or even to need
them.

I am sorry to hear
about Marion I hope she is
well again. She seems quite
alone - neither Thomas or William
congenial to her, in fact my
few of my circle what she likes -
I must write her to cheer her
a little - we all need cheering es-
pecially if we are ill. Mr. Octobant

I'd love to see your place - if only on last tickets by way of Panama - Key West - Florida!! Wouldn't that be great - well another time - I've got to hustle so we can do that some day. Quil Telle is still here and yesterday will come in to me - my pencil, and said - "What do you think the General has asked me to do?" "Go to the Salern M. Co. in Los Angeles etc and talk with the men I know there." I was suspicious that he would not be serious me it - and he seems to think not - so it will be a little bridge into business. I think the General was fine to do it - this way and start him off in the easy way. I hope it proves easy and also successful.

Do you know of any really cheap fine buy-down there? It would be fine to have a place. Perhaps I should now buy the lot with the big fine trees that popped up so many thousands before I decided - I see that I can see it - now as I write - Mr. King, Washburn.



Castle Hot Springs Hotel
and "Dingulobox"
HOT SPRINGS
ARIZONA

I mean Mrs. Mearns son-in-law -
Strong doesn't sound just right.

Sail + Mrs. Felk Mrs. Maehlen M.W.
myself - and two guides took a
three hour ride thru a xc. mnt
over good choppy trail to French
Creek - up a stony creek - to Columbia
trail + home - the hills anyway -
The great mountains north of us
are most beautiful covered with
snow. The sight was lovely. It
makes us cooler here tho' we
got some hail from little snow
the sounds my coggy. I may Thomas
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putting on the logs - for you.

Keep me, dearie sister, same
trying too, not to over do - but it's hard
to let down and as the doctor here says
take a day a week in bed. He says that's
what I ought to do. Just - they told me
a nap every aft. and now a day a week
pretty soon - I'll be in bed all the time
at that rate. But I do think a rest afternoon
is fine - Love to you all -

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Mary.



GUEST WRITING ROOMS

Miss my Missie, where are you?
We have been here nearly two weeks
and not a line from you!
What is the matter?
Not sick?
Are you?

I keep thinking and thinking of the
nice little visit we had from you
and think, will it ever happen again.
I was jealous of your long visit at
Chautauque!

Both you and Louise so busy you
couldn't say good morning to
Battle Creek!

Wise has left me, gone to Milwaukee.
Till Sunday a. m.

There are a few nice ladies here that
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are helping me pass the time. 2
Mrs. Johnson (Homer) of Cleveland
especially nice - poor woman has
had a daughter go through two
operations and the second coming
right on top of the first has caused
her great anxiety. It was
relieved last night at eight when
things turned for the better. She
let me take her car home and she
had two lovely drives into the
Country - taking other patients
that needed cheering.

I found your dear letter. I've
read that over and over in
the absence of new ones. We
are staying ^{as} main work after
Miss returns ^{possibly}. He has considerable
trouble assisting but I trust it does
not mean an operation at this time.
He looks so well and seems so well
outside of that. I hate to disturb the
condition. The doctor says it is not
immediate except that it seems to



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worry still

Now it is 7 a.m. and I must
 run to my rounds of duties, I've
 already had one bath 6-20 - a very
 hot and cold. It certainly starts the
 day well -

Emil Sachs, the artist, is here. He wants
 so much to paint Dr. Keegan and I
 feel they ought to take advantage of
 the opportunity, however he is now
 laid low with rheumatism, had an
 operation and will be better after
 he gets about again. Says he has
 suffered with these for years. You
 remember Dr. Wylie took mine out
 that nice year - I was with you in
 '98. That awful year! Mine has
 never returned and I thank goodness
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Dr. Mylie went ahead and kindled.
I imagine John needs something of
this kind - and Edward.
Mr. Jacobs sits at our table. We
paid he would charge nothing to
paint Thomas - I was asking him
what he would charge.

We miss Mary Anne - but she
is happy and that is worth everything.
She will be better all winter for this
happy exhilarating month.

Grace writes she expects John
& Florence this Sunday. John was
so dear to help me about the car -
I was eager to have it - then the man
at the Lincoln factory was so
dis encouraging that I gave it up.
I feel I am foolish perhaps - as we
wouldn't get much for our car
anyway after using it four or five
years. They thought here they ought
to put in the four wheel brakes for
me. It would cost here \$450. but
I suppose for them much less.



Love to you all. How is Rubber
coming on? Hope you get another
visit from you both. That one
was a peach only cut too short.
Dr. Johnson sends love. She seems
the same as ever perhaps a little
stronger. She has lots of vitality
altho looking so frail.

Wish you, dear sister, were here
with me getting fixed up. Can't
you come at once and be here
two days or two weeks with us.
I know you would be so much better
all the rest of your life. Do come!
Love always.

Mary.

Just ran a big bundle of flowers from the basket Mrs. Harvey.
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Dearest sister:

To rest your mind
 if my last letter already did not
 do so - there is nothing to matter
 with me. My program is
 mostly one of sport waiting for
 time to recuperate.

6³⁰ hot and cold spray - juice!
 dress and mite - you -

7⁴⁰ breakfast -
 an excellent cantaloupe on
 " " honey dew.

soft boiled egg -

Melba gluten bread toast.

1/4 part of butter.

1 glass Reid ophelia's butter milk.

Mite or read etc till

9⁰⁰ swim; trying hard!

9⁴⁰ Medical gym - trying to

loosen up my joints - and while²
I am here get rid of scurvy -
Rheumatism, certainly in pinning -
Could hardly nuzzle my toes under
when I came and now don't feel it
at all !!! -

10¹⁵ - Colon massage [I guess on
general principles - they say
John Calank of the Colon - but
are much better] (really everybody
has this trouble, it's the basis of
this bacterium.]

10 45 - bath - every day a different
kind - always hot and cold foam
tubois - then a severe coldal, bubble,
cabinet, salt glow - spray
perussion etc. ad infinitum.

11.15 Massage scalp treatment
which is great - I kept thinking
all the time what a great thing
for Miss - and Grace - I'll try and
give you one often, when I get
home. I am trying to get in
one every day, till I go out from
the home is all taken - Miss Mithun
is trying to save me any time one gives up.



GUEST WINTER ROOMS

Battle Creek Mich.

12.45 a bang up B.C. Dinner - I
 flew wonder if they would not
 fix you & Thomas up in short
 order - but neither of you would
 have the patience - It's a great
 training of patience (and here
 about taught.)

2- or there about I've had several
 games of golf - perhaps five -
 had been improving very, very slowly.
 I'm not really an athlete! - I've
 had had two or three games - his
 operation - stopped any more.

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play - sleep - read - write -
 visit other sick people etc.

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Supper!
 of the morning lecture, concert,
 etc. -

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Mr. Will is starting home some. ⁴
Say this week - Will says just
the minute - we can get there.
Will is now going to the dining
room for his meals - and seems
alright except it still hurts him
to breathe. The Dr. says he will
be much better so soon as he
can eat. I truly hope so -
for he has suffered with it greatly.

I am sorry indeed about the Peterbont
affair - Will says he never was
much impressed with Mr. Peterbont -
and he better watch his step or he
will be ousted from the Rockefeller
Foundation. He thinks George
Wm. stands for any thing like
this but I don't know if that is so.
It's a shame anyway. A man with
seven daughters - I am sorry for them
all - but never mind "trout piece".
There is loads of sweeties in life
if we let the bitter alone - and
certainly Mrs. Peterbont has the
sweeties - two lovely girls - we think



them both - the fine sort -

Dear old Monaghan I wonder if
I ever see it again - I longed
Ann & Theodore must up - I ought
to put up a shack for the family
any one who wants to go up -
struggle it down in the rocks
or depressions so it would show
at all -

You certainly had a house full
with all your visitors - but
imagine that is what you
want with that lovely home
of yours - you want people to
want to come - It always piles
up - the soil that makes it hard
for you. People talk about just
telling the butter or someone - "We are
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having tea for dinner, over night
etc. - and all is done - I wonder
if it ever is done as easy as that.
I'll miss Robert Mill, faintly, suitably.
The children will see the men and
women before I see them or much
of them - your grand children seem
to have grown up and I only get
glimpses. Such is life!

We already see talking of Arizona -
I dread to think of being away so much
from home - but of course this must
not be exposed this winter of all winters.
We will close the house this time
and Clarence can stay in town. Alice
was trying to do it last winter, but things
were too complicated for me to close
the house.

Isn't it wonderful about Oregon - I hope
it all will be done and the - deserve
all our love and praise - John
and Grace too - they have all worked
to make it a success. Darling father
and mother how happy they would be
to see it all! Father dear was so discourge
about our (children's) ability to battle against
the world. I think we show great wisdom
in doing the best we can. Don't you?
- You must have had a great time at the



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Battle Creek, Mich.

So the anniversary - We seem to me many
 of your great occasions - I wish I were
 to avoid these occasions - she is
 right in the neighborhood. Well if it
 makes her happier it's the best thing!
 Charles, certainly is forging ahead. It's
 fine to hear all the good things about him.
 Sorry he didn't go to see Lewis' place. It
 would have pleased Lewis so much.
 Glad to hear Milnam is ok. again.
 We all had a pretty serious time last
 fall. Hope this winter will be all
 the good things for all! I never saw
 his former home I trust I may this
 what great fun you must have had
 at Chautauque. I saw your letter
 and I'll send it on Harison and Lewis
 too, to read - They will return it.
 I guess Lewis + Milton have the monopoly
 Cough all right as a postal from Cole

says they are still coughing, but had³
however as they are camping some
where with friends. Her postal
reads "Lena + I still cough but think
some some better." must have been whooping
cough as nothing checks it.

I think Lotta is kind of Christian Science.
(she never seems meaning to consult a real
doctor. - goes to a chiropractor.)

That was a great stunt to sing instead of
trying to make a speech. and I pretend
to think you two did it - and it kind
so much applause. Of course it was
the reason they took in more money
because it put everybody in good humor.
I can see you two are booked for Chautauque
every year. I hope Mrs. Boyd stays
President of B + T. I never was much of
a club woman but women seem to like
it and I suppose it makes for force +
strength.

How you read Mother Lucia! I am
thankful for all Americans!
Glad you like the car. We are still
in doubt as to whether we should take
it but Bill thinks we will finally get
it at our price. John has got them
to say they will go 50-50 on putting in 4 wheel
brakes - It would be foolish to put off



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Battle Creek, Mich.

taking it if we come any where near
agreeing. Glad you like it.
Will always write on this ^{best} paper
It does seem shiny + easy. This
paper drags.

Will must go now - so I'll send
this with him. Don't worry
about me Mine. I'll always tell
you if any thing serious troubles me
(that's the trouble I never can keep still)

Love
Mary.

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PHOENIX, ARIZONA

250 OUTSIDE ROOMS
FINEST WINTER CLIMATE IN THE WORLD.

Dearest Alice and Florence
I think I'd told out
this you sent me a postal or
some like - but I find I'm getting
restless. Are you not rested by
this time or is the whooping cough
John has just written about making
you and Florence all tired out?
Poor little kiddies - it's too bad
for them to be so afflicted - and
I hope the modern treatment is
helping to lessen their suffering.
Tell them I have bought something
today - for Santa Claus to give them
May next Christmas. Does this
stop their bathing in the pool?
He has been expecting some
for some time now - but has heard
nothing from him. I imagine he

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is busy gathering in the oranges. 2
Cater Miles - 375 boxes from the
lower branches and lessons too are
ready. I am so glad for him that
he is in such happy circumstances
I have tried to find Harry + Paula
Miller at Tucson - but telephone calls
and letters have all failed - so they
must be some where. I do had -
Paula was a very fine girl - I have the
pleasent memories of her visit at Oak Park.

Will secure pretty well again now -
his exile from N. Y. and his business
affairs however, has been a very sore trial
for him this year. Last year he was
so ill it was easy - but this year he
is chaffing under it - and feels to be
being out. He has had the marks
in that though since he left N. Y. so
I imagine the doctor is right and
we should cultivate warm weather in
the winter. This is my third winter
without any cold weather - I'll soon
be a delicate green house plant myself.
Do Florence still with you? If so
this is for you both and all - I have
had such an exciting time gathering
different specimens of Arizona Cacti.

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230 OUTSIDE ROOMS
FINEST WINTER CLIMATE IN THE WORLD.

Florence wrote me to gether some
for her - so I think I'll see her enough
for so all when I return. I'm out
there all home - and Mr. Falmer,
Will's secretary, is looking out for
them. His last letter simply announced
the arrival of the boxes - so perhaps
the poor fellow has lost his
early enthusiasm by being too
much pricked.

I am eager to hear of the specimens
I sent Thomas. I imagine it was
rather flimsy and not heavy. It was
a fine specimen of its kind any
way.

Do you realize that all
the cacti in the world (?) come from
Mexico and this part of the U.S. I
read that some where in the floral books.
The deserts are very interesting - grow
more and more so - as one gets closer
to them. However, I would not care
to live permanently, except in a place

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where things grow. The irrigation
systems here are marvelous - and
see this Salt River Valley region will
soon be one great oasis - no
desert. The dams are getting to be
manifold - one running into the
other and then concerning the pricing
water. The scenery about the Cabeza
and depos thus formed is most magnificent.

One party of three came - last Friday -
composed of rich bankers of San Francisco
Southern Pacific officials - Roosevelt Dam
engineers - all went wild over the
beauty of it all. The Southern Pacific
proposes to build a fine hotel on the
Apache lake - (formed by the Horse Mesa
dam) - and this drive was all to see
if the bankers would negotiate the
bonds - they seem to have been
willing in fact - substantiated - as
Singapore by next summer, winter.
I mean - there will be another hotel in
the region. The United States is
nearly giving to fact - every where it
seems to be piling up on itself - it
hardly seems possible that one can
take care financially of such huge
projects. Imagine thousands of
people are stiring of the eternal Singapore
trip and are glad to find this more

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precipitation and still very comfortable
life of the met.

I have written you volumes. Well,
it will make up for the weeks that
have passed - and perhaps will
draw a line or two from you.

Grace seems to be getting through
the winter without any bad cold - thank
fortune - and much as good. My
letters from her seem to be. I have
had a nice letter or two - but would
be glad for more.

I am driving a car now. Sunday day
from Mesa sixteen miles in to Phoenix.
We had a beautiful trip all by ourselves
from here - to Tuscon - Nogales, Mexico.
Circle Z Ranch - back to Tuscon - and
Oracle and Mesa - where we have been
for the past week - a little Norman town.
At Tuscon we visited the dearest
old lady I've seen in many a day
Mrs. Rockwell Grandmother of
Rockwell Herford - classmate of Theodore

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at Tech. She is 86 - a dear, dear & 6
capable woman - she seemed so to
remind me of Mother that I almost
hardly contain myself. I dreaded
to leave her - she seemed so delicate
and precious. She lost her daughter
Adeline, who needed her most. Two
years ago - and just now Adeline's
husband. It leaves her four grand
children without either parent - Rock -
will be oldest about Theodor's age -
is appointed guardian for all the others.
A great responsibility - but a very
fine fellow - and capable.

I have written John several times -
but have not heard from him since
his return to Orange. I am wondering
if Florence is with you - I read of
you in the papers - & the Fords, remember
us to them, but nothing of Florence
& the children. Love to you all
each and every one. It will not
be long now till we all gather back
near New York. I'll not be sorry -
I miss you all so much - altho' I
see so little of you even when at home.
As Richard used to say G. B. U. and
return you all safe & Misspah -

Mary!
Wells letter is still in that thick envelope -
thank you very much for writing upon it.

My flowers are still lovely - & were
last night - this is 7. 2. 20.
sent the ^{mail} ^{see} this morning
from Hicks ^{110 EDENHURST ROAD} - ^{SOARSDALE, NEW YORK} - ^{rich} ^{good} ^{del.}
your ^{see} ^{the} ^{place} ^{at} ^{the} ^{place} ^{as} ^{they} ^{do} ^{not} ^{know}
Darling -

Wanted that
grand news of Saturday morning
and I take it continued
for you did not telephone
last night. I was delighted
to hear your own voice bring
me the news - I know how
glad you were in your
heart - like the thrill I
got when Bill said, good
morning May - after all
those weeks. Don't be patient
dearie mine - and keep
rested - let the others do
what they will - you have the
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biggest part to come - not to
let him be depressed -

I can't imagine Thomas's despair
but you can, you know he is
not always so buoyant as he
seems to outsiders. O. V. darling
sister - I know how you feel, and
how helpless I feel that I cannot
help you - Our thoughts and prayers
are with you every minute - I
can hardly hold myself here but
I know that's the best thing to keep
the home quiet - no disturbance -

Do you remember how we nursed
Madeline through scarlet fever,
wredit it? it hardly seems possible
now - but we did it - as successfully
as they do it today - We're so much
gron with the times - and be grateful
about it - I love you dearly. God
bless you and yours. Misspah - Mary.

What a wonderful birthday he must have had. I can see how they found you are of your kind, as you are of mine - great because of your understanding of whatever he has of your kind of thought and theory - that is his life so scientific as to be a science - I like no thankful or see that kind of particular kind of man - they are much more interesting than machines - a people that deal in money. I suppose a great banker to me is interesting - but my way of thinking has made him to be great - in that line - a letter to me is very uninteresting in a word body! -

Old John I am sure he tried to help. He is such a darling - Slope Horace appreciated him to the full. Edward must have made a wonderful home had he had the right kind of wife - and even now perhaps he is pushing himself into his own will the high road he is to carry. I am having a quiet day (at least till now) today - Peter has gone to town to see some one and Dick to do business or business - some may not the gardener - so I am just doing this (which I feel like doing) - most days - in fact all day as far as I am gone on motor trips visiting up at a luncheon. These people are very popular - and with doing nice popular and going - so the invitations are many. I must be this way nearly all the time as all these luncheons had to be extended to include us, showing how they must be in without guests. I imagine they take in

more of the country where they can guests -
making long letters as so to show the
lovely birds they can see - which are
endless -

What happened to Bessie? I suppose
her strength finally ran out - like my
Sara - she could no more - poor girl -
I think she misses being at our house - but
really can't see how she can do the work -

Linus' husband ought to have come to
you and helped in the place - for his
Yess! -

Imagine all the whole U.S. is a bee
hive - for you speak of Florida being a
hive - and certainly Arizona was and
is - and here there seems to be no limit
to the activity - I am sitting by and
watching everybody busy - busy - Well
perhaps another year will build to able
to stay at home - and we can get away
there.

The birds here are plentiful - but there
are so many many hawks that it's like
hunting a quail in a hay stack - I can
hear them and hunt about - but rarely
find the singer - I can tell many by
their song - and rememberance to songs -
but I'm not positive that I'm correct.

I wonder when you saw your
sage. I saw a beauty - I take speech
March 8th. He stood on a dead tree right
by the shore of the lake and he had a
marble nose of him - and he shot a
wonderful drive to Rowland dam - seeing all

the succeeding days - holding back the
great volumes of matter making marvelously
beautiful books - to the mt. tops. How I longed
for you and Thomas - dearie sister - Not I
suppose the Canadian socket exceed any
thing I saw, in beauty. - But how on long to
have them on love see the same wonderful
things we are seeing.

How the people everywhere adore your
Thomas. The papers of course, over full of
his birthday - and his fond story about the
wonderful things they gave in Florida. They would
say (these in Arizona). "Smith, Mr. Edison would
come out here and see Arizona." He would
just love to have been seen over here, (different)
country. I asked how much he would have
to buy if he came - He nothing - we don't want
him to buy - we want his intellect in the desert
and just to have him see it - see if he doesn't
like it!" I, too, wish he would come

especially for your sake, too - just sit round
and get acquainted with the desert - they get
under the skin" as it were and are sitting here
intensely or don't stand there at all. I think
you too would be intensely.

What a crowd of wonderful people you had
this winter - I hope you had them all
with (entertainment and all) in your great
book! Just think of half a dozen with such
intellectual people! That makes life worth
living doesn't it? De Dawson - sending
sent the Mrs. Somers if a book is to be getting
that would be great. It's such an interesting
matter. The next Spring Bachelor for the
second time last year at Lake Placid - got

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quite well acquainted and will had
numerous games of golf with him and
I maintain relations with Mr. Bachelor.
We enjoyed them both. I come on most
the Devereux's often - all the things I do not
know of - I met Dr. Holt (just introduced)
his wife is a member of the Residing Children
Aid in New York -

Schmiedl thinks you would be interested -
I am here - with all this entertaining we
lost my voice - it's all hoarse - and these
people are just every day people - so
great strain on his nerves to meet and
entertain them; and I'm only had a
week of it - what a low can you keep
going - you in a year out!

Had a C. G. G. on blue Jay! night under
my feet! My 10th. - you see me & write!
I had about Florence & the children -
It spoiled their visit - but I am glad
they went into a house of their own - it
had to entertain and when the guests
are ill - well, Schmiedl always say
don't visit! I am firmly convinced of
that - you soon wonderful to me
when I spent that week at your home
two, yes, three years ago! It did me a world
of good. I might have been much sicker
than I was, had I not had that relief
from my miserable home. I often wonder
what the matter was, any way - just - I

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think it one thing then another - All very
way - that much is your only home - and
not in that quiet room - with the darling
little piano by the bedside - and the glowing
fire in the fire place that seems to beckon
to me to get well and keep happy - its a
magnificent room - every room in your
house has precious memories for me!
I mustnt forget Bessie bringing those morning
papers with the deer over a flower of some
kind every morning - there seemed to be a
great peace pervading every thing. I will
always thank you dear Edith - always.

Speaking of birds - I saw great flocks
of the yellow headed wood pecker. Their
noise was very pretty and constant, as
I was driving in a ranchers home in Arizona
I stopped and pretty soon a young woman
came out - and she was the rancher wife -
had lived all her life on the desert there in
Arizona - now had a boy alone - and both
being and interested in the birds. She had
even had bird glasses - but some one
had stolen them from her car a year
ago. She had the ^{new} morning doves - but by
receipt - flocks of them - but the cat climbed
up to a nest they had in the pine on the house
and killed six the little birds - so she got up
feeding them so she couldnt bear to see them
died. Rather interesting - a girl with meagre
education - being nature so. A mad runner
ran by near us. a black headed Florida set on

the fence - and a strike watched from
the top of a bush - She knew them all -
I would have stayed an hour or more -
She seemed so happy to have a visitor!
I am so glad you had the joy of seeing
the painted blenting! - my greatest joy
I think this winter was the painted red start.
but the hunting - what a delight! -

I wonder how we could see the
Detroit museum - as we pass through -
it would be interesting to see - perhaps
this year the old laboratory would not be
up yet. but they would be working on it.
Seems strange to have it taken away
from its original setting - I almost wonder
what you could give it up! - Oh history!

It's fine to have Thomas so well. You
certainly must take care of yourself -
Dad, please get strong and rested as he
is. I will wait you to, we have many
years to live yet! why not live them
to the fullest - by having perfect health!
I hear you casting me out - but I'm
far away - and so can say all this - even
if it does no good.

I hope your babies all arrive - on the
the third and you have a glorious time
you on on to each - my one - your
one dear self and Thomas. It's good to
know he is so improved & enthusiastic.

Love Mary 3-2032

3/21/28 Ocean View, Blodora California.

Wife is looking for his letters - and hope you will



Castle Top Springs Hotel
and Biographical Museum
in route Chicago
to N. Y. City

Mine dear:-

April 29/28.

Will miss you! Our arrival
time seems strange indeed.
John represents the Miller family -
but I doubt his being nearer than
telephone. I wrote him to meet
Louise if he could Monday - but
I will be home so I'll meet her.

What a lot has happened since
you & I left home - Marcell
Kierke Gair Europe Rachel Europe
etc etc. Our family seems to be
looking up!

It's hard to write on the train
but I wanted you to know -
we are thinking of you
constantly and hoping you both
are keeping well. We are.

I'll write a real letter later.

Love

Mary. 3-2031

May 1st 1871

Home!

My train letter didn't get mailed
owing to no envelope - so I'll add a bit.
Yesterday John Florence, Mary arrived
from Orange and I from Decatur to meet
John & Rachel - I dropped them at
Plain Teas after a very delicious Tea by
John at Mr. Calcutt's - near your father's
Mansion.

John worked hard at the perfection of my
Car - poor boy felt responsible - having
examined it and saying it was fine
and it was fine and was finer - The gentleman
told me it was fine now as we visit one or another
regulate itself now as we visit one or another
charge! I don't think that marvelous and the
best thing goes like a bird - a very comfortable
car at the most people could see two small
mice. I don't think it small as I think a big car
too bulky for New York.

Thursday I have invited the Selwyn Orange
Ladies & their ladies of Orange & Pelham
and Midfield to Luncheon - Florence to Rachel
I hope she has a beauty trip - Mary certainly
has enjoyed her trip - The relation May 18th -

Love to you and Thomas - I hope - -
Wonder how you are spending the heat - I bet
Madeline just told you you don't seem
to think it - so bad. I suppose it gets
about so hot & then stays here.

Your devoted sister


Mary's postal seems lumpy Mary.
in Belgium -

[INCOMPLETE]

It was such a lonely occasion - I
was so sorry you were not there to
see your grand husband honored
and dear Charles do his part
so well. We all must hold over
his speech - so modest and
refined - high toned. I have a
splendid God son - His hands were
Cold as ice before dinner and pale
as a ghost - but suddenly he collected
himself absolutely - for when he gave
his speech - he was calm and had
good color. The speech was "Charles" though
had through. The addresses all were
short - some (cranks) spoke of Thomas
always as the great inventor but would
speak of him as "essential" and finally
one then said that had been determined
was for ever - by his having been acknowledged
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[INCOMPLETE]

a scientist by some great body who
had the authority. I nearly choked
my throat loose at that speech -
Will is sending me picture of
the occasion to Ada - Did the 2 of
us send you one? I think the medal
lovely indeed - or let a beautiful
souvenir for your dear family -
William, Blanche, Marion were
all absent. Dr. Perry was there
Mr. Ed. D. Adams - Mr. Hammer & his
daughter. I think she is my pretty
or my good looking - Medeline was
stunning in Emily Chicosalacia ser-
vings my large long pendants
hung very close about touching her
shoulders - My becoming -!



[INCOMPLETE]

Acobine looked very smart in a blue satin³
with a big pink rose on her shoulder which
took away the feeling of too much blue -
Auntie to me is always - lonely - her clothes
do not make an impression - she's like
Louise in that - her clothes do not matter.
A very lonely girl - your boys of course
was all stunning - what a privilege
to have all those young people young
to be fond of - to love and enjoy - and
all fine fellows -

I've put a handkerchief over Will's eyes -
and I think it's his operation for he is
still quiet and I've written all this -
He comes home so depressed that I
hardly know what to do. if I get him
to get a rap he picks up. but he no
longer as my endurance - I think
that operation was too awfully severe -
you know he has a hernia in the round
and they say if he were younger they
would have another operation but at his
age do not advise it. He's awfully - goes
to town daily but that probably "what does
him up so quickly - no endurance.

Love dearest - to you both. won't
you please be glad to see you - and omit
the all rejoice when you know you are
in Orange. Love from us all -

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Clary.



Miss dear.

I see by the paper that you and Thomas helped to launch the new picture color kodak movies etc.

It must have been very interesting to see all the inside workings - you have seen so many of these that it probably was not so wonderful to you.

I think of you so often on my rounds of visits and battles - and only wish you might be taking time for a time of three weeks. They would

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Make you see - you respo
so to massage. This Mrs
I told Mrs. Torres - the head mas
that I was going to take her
to your house for her vacation
She gives a marvelous massage
and you would be fine in
a few treatments. If only I could
learn how well enough so I
could give them to you - but
you never really let me out
for more than five minutes

Mrs. Geavoy has gone - poor
little woman didn't enjoy it
very much. She had the most
elegant of rooms in the new
building, double room with twin
beds - and a nurse's room off with
another bed. She wanted a nurse
so she felt timid finding her
way round. Had her breakfast



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Battle Creek, Mich.

alone in her room - and then
 he lunch on the lawn in one
 of those adirondack chairs - came
 to the dining room for dinner
 and eat with some very nice
 looking people - They just told
 me since she left - that she
 didn't like any of the food -
 too bad, but I think one has to
 suffer in and be one of a group
 to really like Battle Creek. She
 wasn't ill at all she said - and
 I guess she wasn't as she looked
 very well indeed. She had some
 business in Cincinnati that she
 had to attend to - so had to leave.

I missed your wonderful bunch
 of flowers upon arrival - they have
 always greeted me here to fore - so

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No wonder I felt sort of lonely at
No. 1111 - to say - here I am - for
me - for my flowers - and a happy
and get well - I'll sprout such
so there was no reason to say all
that - but that was what the flowers
always said to me.

Dr. Kellough now you see at
Chaulaucus or give home again -
Dr. Kellough says - to tell Thomas to
take lax to "Dextrin" - stir six dessert
spoons full into a glass of hot water.

It's some thing like the Concentrated
Malted milk - very easy to digest being ^{absorbed}.

A soluble, anti toxic highly concentrated
food.

I am waiting with you - with
great anxiety and interest - in the result of
Thomas having his teeth out. Some certain
in my own mind you will be happy indeed,
when that is accomplished - The teeth no
longer will poison his whole system
We are both thinking of you both and loving
you -

Will is better but Shan at least discovered
why he cannot endure any length of time
in N.Y. He has a blood pressure of 105 - very low
indeed - showing low vitality - He is all
right if not strenuous but hurrying to N.Y -
and battling with big problems - with strong
forceful men - uses up all the reserve force he has.



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He wants to keep up and fight - at it till he has to give up.

Poor Dr. Johnson has all the trouble in the world - she has had several operations and this last month mastoid germ which started all the trouble. She always did look frail - but now she is frailer. Today she has a bad headache added to it - all. How do you suppose she keeps up with her Doctor's duties here - just as never I am sure.

Love to all the dear ones - big and little - Keep well & happy -
 Your loving sister - Mary.

Aug. 1-28.
 Birthdays of last month.
 Father dear July 26 Robert Jr. 21st Nancy 30th
 Margaret 21st Minnie Emily 6th Stuart 21st
 Elsie 8th Sheldon 16th 3-2018
 I thought of

You as each one must by - love of
man thinking of them
M.

My dear Mina -

As Mary caught a severe cold which put her to bed in the care of a nurse for several days, from which she is now convalescing, I'm acknowledging your letter to us three, rec'd at my office. - As Mary was sick here instead of at Scarsdale, we had to adjust ourselves to something different. He found an excellent Dr. (Berry by name) thanks to "boyhood friends" of mine with whom we had dined but two nights before. And he found an excellent nurse - so, as Mary is again herself - tho' naturally weakened and, everything turned out well. - Now, don't "fancy" anything. If everything was not well - I'd not say so. If there is any relapse (it was only a mild Flu attack) I'll tell you.

I'm to write you our joint opinions as to inviting Mr. Hoover. You must know, that Mr. H. is today a very different personage than the one you entertained in Glenside. He can't be in Ft. Myers to receive ^{there} your "casual" invitation that is altogether out of the question!! Any invitation must now be vested with a formality required in the case of the Pres. of the U.S. - You may have to entertain his "retinue", - most certainly such secret service men as his safety demands. You recall "camping" Pres. Harding? The only difference lies in the train of secretaries, reporters etc. Indeed, I can hardly

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imagine Mr. Hoover making the effort so short a time before his inaugurating, unless he can drive over "pay his respects" to your exalted octogenarian and return to Belle Isle - all in one day. He might fly over, but the Gov't probably would not permit it. - At any rate, you will have to invite him immediately and we hope you will. - Let me suggest, that you phone Mr. Fierstone (I can understand your reluctance to do so, or to apparently lend yourself to his "advertising schemes") for he must be in touch and is the only one competent to advise and certainly you don't want Mr. & Mrs. Hoover conclude that you don't want them. Don't forget that the U.S. has expected Mr. Hoover to greet the Great Caliban on his birthday! It makes no difference how the U.S. was led to expect such a thing. Now as it has been expected, anticipated, I don't see how you can get out of it, without giving Mr. Hoover some idea, you don't want him to have. - I hope this will help you to do the right thing. Mary says also, why not invite him - just as you have others - without consulting Thomas. For one, I'm sure the latter would not merely approve, he would exult - for I have reason to know that he admires Hoover above all.

Our move to N. 4. has proven good in more than one way. My work goes, - Mary is removed from the care of house-keeping - tho' she misses "home" sometimes. After two weeks

I rented this apt. for the month of Feb'y - so you see, what we are figuring on. We shall have to get away during March & April (?) but we are making no plans other than I'm "to speak" on "Commercial Arbitration" in Washington on Feb'y 14th. and to appear before the House Ways & Means Committee on Tariff Administration, Feb'y 25th. So I'm doing my utmost to dodge this and other interferences. -

Now, don't worry about the Hoovers. It will come out right - any way. And you'll be happy afterward. after all they are "plain people"; you know. -

Much love and best wishes from us all

Lovingly
Bill. -

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Never mind the Firestones or Fords. They sometimes ^{happily} are means to ends - don't overlook that.

My dear Mina -

Mary, who is still in bed but much better, asks me to send you the enclosure - of which, more anon. It's more important to tell you that the Dr will not call tomorrow; that Mary can sit up a short-pell, but I insisted on keeping the nurse until she can get around fully. - She looks better than ever, but complains of weakness - not surprising, considering. He are talking of getting away in March. - I can't get away before and keep my engagements. - He may go to Porto Rico and again we may not. - We read of your doings" - daily. The Post had an account last night of how Ford on his arrival rushed across "the river that separates the two estates etc." pretty accurate for a newspaper. - He shall be curious to see what happens to you on the 11th. Pls. give our greetings to the 82 yr. old youngster, with our love and hearty good wishes. "May he live long & prosper" rubber-ward, at this time. - I met your son Charles in his new office, at a trustee meeting yesterday & have heard him on the phone twice since. So, I know every thing is well with yours.

Your note - too short by words - came to us three ok. & we have mixed feelings when you write how busy you are. "Be ye temperate in all things" (vide St. Paul's Epistles) and set a good example for others. - Cut it out!!! - Of course, you

will need to do "the proper thing" on the 11th, but after that ²
better let somethings slide. You'll live longer & happier
probably, and the folks will love you just the same.
otherwise you'll soon moan "He toil thru pain-wrong,
we fight, we fly. We love, we lose and then e'er long stone-
dead we lie. Oh! Life is all thy song - endure & die?"
Ponder over that a bit. - Mr. Beard died two years abt. ago.
He lunched with Mrs. A's daughter several weeks before the
latter's marriage - nothing was said about it.

Now as to the Keats. They are neighbors and almost our
most intimate, for its Fred & Etta, Hill & Mary all around. He
was one of the big factors (financial) during the war, in
practical charge of our financing our allies. After the war he
spent months at a time - in one case a year - abroad working
out financial reorganizations for all gov'ts and he has been
decorated by most of them. So he was a man of unique
importance. Then, he was senior V.P. of Banker's Trust Co.
but he retired a year ago & is now only a Director. They
have one of the show places in Scarsdale. They are people
of simple tastes and he is full of fun, as you can see from
his letter. He has been very ill and is deaf - very much
so, with a wonderful aid to hearing, which I'm sure he
would be glad to show you. There you have the story.
Some of this, I think you already know from Mary.
We don't want you to feel in any way obligated to show
them any attention, which they would not want. They
would like to see Seminole Lodge, of which they have
heard so much from us. And ^{if this all} they may not reach Ft. Myers

The weather has moderated until it is now too warm &
moist tonight. Air saturated & pressure, gummy.
I wish I could get Mary out of it, but I fear
she will not leave me here to even Marian's care.
That's what near invalidism has done for me.

Much love to you both, from us, three.

Will.

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Miss dear; Thank you first of all
for the lovely cycle robe. It is lovely and
a great surprise to Lou John come
bearing it in his arms. The Florence
and Edith all looked so happy coming
from the Edison luncheon - Florence
with a big bunch of pink Camellias
and Edith a big bunch of violets and
red roses. John & Florence had awful
head colds - I told them I was sure
they would all have colds for two weeks
ago when we went out for Sunday dinner
Little Street had an awful head cold and
Nancy was playing with him and they were
one bad all seeing their own handkerchiefs
for his relief. I suppose you will say
where did you get your cold? Well I suppose
I was foolish too. I must be reasonable to do
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I was very interested in this article of "American are
Revolving Home Centers" - I think it would interest you
greatly - as you are so profoundly interested in this subject.
My next heavy things - great change, take place which cause
change in conditions and it takes years to readjust - some
to one sense - as it were - perhaps not really that - rather as
all the time, as in this case, people realize that sense - but have
actually need by conditions -
the above - several days ago.

Feb. 18/99. I am I failed to finish and mail
this - but I am sure I wrote another - The
may be a reprint -
It seems odd to be so left up - and
see no birds except pigeons flying in
flocks back & forth, back & forth - of one
kind or two - perhaps a few parrot - and on
day.

do come looking into conditions there (and
her come away very unprepared) and
The house was cold - also Gilbert (the person
I had just recovered from a very hard
attack of the flu - really looked very bad, a
colored boy, but actually pale, - I think, perhaps
his health must have crossed my line
of breathing - any way, the settle in my chest
again that night - I stood as far away
from him too as I could - took no
chances knowingly -
Said by the papers - you had to
have special telegraph operators - to
take the birthday telegrams - I don't
for mercy sake feel obliged to answer
them yourself - personally. It's a crime
and to think we added some of the number
I was ashamed of myself - but we didn't want
to have you think we forgot you! No life
to you'll be content to let the correct
person do all the work possible for you -
you I mean - but what are I talking about
to know will, though you won't accept any more
help than you just have - too.

Rachel gave Louise a wonderful birthday party.
I am not sure I like surprises tho' - don't
forget my Tom wedding one at Chautauque and
Mrs. Carpenter's form -

Mina - One - a Madonna Lily

Blossom is her beauty - serene,
Such calm, such peace, and dignity,
Such charm is rarely seen -

Grace - One is a tall white vine
Curling sweet petals back

Louise - One is a fragrant primrose
Wide spreading her petals of cheer -

How if a surprise party could bring out
a dear form like that - it's all worth while.

Love dear sister - My letters must
be altogether too frequent - but you see I
miss you - so letters - but you be sure to burn
them up - don't let them litter up the place.
P.S. 28/00 Mary.

Darling Sister: We have been
watching for the papers - but
so far nothing has come. We
saw you all in the morning
this - and heard Thomas de-
liver the speech a part of it -
I'm sorry it didn't have the
part about dividing the birth-
day cake with all of us!
We heard it all out in Colorado
and was thrilled to pieces!
Yesterday Mary Ann & I went to
Church St. Bartholomew - unfortunately
when we arrived it was full to overflowing

Wish I could help you keep "strong & firm" &
to keep this under wraps yourselves. Don't write
anybody - Be sure, at least, that you really are ailing
truly want these - don't write just from a feeling
of duty - you may yourself and them too in that
case. You already have gone through a big
 ordeal - all that birthday work - just think - not
and do just enough to keep you happy & busy -
not enough to keep you unhappy - irritated and
overloaded! Ha Ha - Father's motto -

Investigation illumination concentration
these may not be the right words - but the
idea - Why not follow that in memory of Father.

My room has been a brown of flowers.
Dad's brought in such beauties from your
last Thursday - and they are still very truly
there. Anne has just arranged them (Monday) and

they still look lovely - the arrangement
is lovely too. The flowers were
so lovely on my bureau white
& lay there in bed - just a
gorgeous mass. Flowers help
greatly to make life endurable.

Thank you again for
the Opera tickets - Do I really
I feel you ought to give them
to some one else - but we
love and appreciate them.
Thank you.

Therese Madeline has
been down with me at
the Circus - and then
I go with her to the
Theatre Guild. I don't
thought of it. My "little" niece
taking me to her favorite amusement.

only pictures of your new garden. These
Sommerville said they are beautiful. I
must return them. I know will select
an article on "Homes" - I know will select
one. The second question is what credit
you. I know that "John" is one of these amongst
the immigrants - I wish he'd get caught.

I'd send you other things - like Briggs costume
but I don't think they are selling the upon
by the Times order, so I'll save mine
and give them to you later. Some are rich
like I'm very drinking in his door may work
like Harry looking up at him from the street
asking what his mother is? "are they ducks"
I'd like you see - you & Thomas - but see the
children - keep well - don't make - not forgetting
some camp - Mary. Feb. 19/29.

We had dinner and saw
the Egyptian pictures (Mummies)
with Mr. & Mrs. Fred. J. Worth
last week but three - in their
words three weeks ago - I caught
some of my cold up there uncon-
sciously tho' for I was not very cold.
Will seem much more robust
this winter - it's better for him to be
here in N.Y. - where he does not
have to travel back & forth on the train
in crowds of energetic, coughing people.
Must run now - not literally
but must write several thank you
letters - Mrs. Baird sent me Lily
James - also - Mrs. Drew - Mrs.
Raymond - Georgia - etc - so
must write now - and not too long
to say no - John sent no

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Thank you Nina dear for the papers -
they just arrived and I'm only had a
glimpse at the front pages - It must
all have been thrilling. Will read every
word with the greatest interest.

I'm going up to see Charles
this morning - I sent Bill last Friday
as I thought a man would be more
cheering than a woman - men like
news and I can't say but what women
do too - well it's fortunate that men
like women too - my complex subject.

Feb. 26^E

Then I went to see Charles yesterday also Carolyn.
One above the other in the hospital - I didn't
see Charles the day of the Edison luncheon
so cannot report to you how improved he
is but Bill says he looks better - He actually
sheduled the bag of work - no relaxation
from both Mother and Father - Carolyn
says he won't stop in time no matter how she
pleads - and of course you know how
true that was in your case - so what can
one do - but plod along at the side of their
chosen one - and help smooth out the
worries as much as one can - Carolyn

I imagine took advantage of the opportunity
to go thru her treatment which she says
Charles insists every so often on her doing -
This may she may hear Charles - and a very
desirable thing to do - Mariano had a rather
hard in the hospital when his was ill -

Carolyne complains of the same thing that you
do - that she never sees Charles alone!
I could hardly believe my ears - but this may be
truer than we realize for you almost never see
Thomas alone - did you? and Charles must be ever
wounded continually, being head of all those different
corporations - the result of a life time -

It's pouring - and I have invited some of
my dear old friends for luncheon. Don't
let's avoid it had to rain!

Nice has returned from Washington - his last
trip for the time being - He is greatly interested.

I read all the papers last night and could visualize
you all down there. What a wonderful time you must
have had. I am glad you are so well acquainted
with Mrs. Hoover - I imagine she is just the kind
of woman you like. John had shown us
some pictures of your place but you had fixed it
up so - so I could imagine you all - then too I've
seen you all in the pictures - How good you
continue to love us - and know that we love you and
Thomas too. S.B.V. Always your loving mother Mary.

Miss dear: -

Miss and I are intending
to travel about the upper part
of Florida to see the land that
he is interested in - Charles
and Carolyn left this morning
so John will - so you will
have your dear one near
you for a time - Wish you
could prevail on them to
stay a long time. It would
do Charles great good if there
were no work - mental work
in the way - He looks much

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letter and the hospital told me²
he was all right.

I must not write long
letters as we are about
leaving for the trip - I'll
let you know when we
are near enough to call
on you but it will be weeks
more yet. I've never seen
the east coast and I'd like
to see that too.

Have a fine time with
your own dear family -
the Kenets are at Mt. Lakes
I guess you found their
address. He is a great man

as far as you are - you must see
my family soon - when you can. No
doubt he's off it as not just time to
leave - when we see they can't
come - then to see the dear family.

Mary,

Q. S. G.
March 29.

Had a lovely letter from Grace. She seems
happy to be having one entire week of rest!
in Ohio! Poor child I feel tired for her!
Met her maternal friend Carrie Kewman from
Pittsburgh at 37 ^{MOUNTAIN LAKE CLUB} ~~and~~ Thomasville Ga.
LAKE WALES, FLORIDA

Miss dear:

We are sorry that we
have not been able to make
our dates agree with each other
but we understand perfectly
that you would have to be at
home with your family and
that the family would rather
stay right there than travel
over the miles of Florida

Nice & I will arise tomorrow
morning at 5:30 to be ready for
the Sun rise Easter service
in the Cemetery. The moon
light service last Tuesday night

Fred didn't know me at all - but how could I
one forget that you made up of this - Fred +
Mary took after Aunt Emily. I think George is
larger bigger man - He has heavy hair

together thought -
He had a baby thing with Mr. & Mrs. Bantow
last Wednesday - Saturday - They returned on
to their home on the west coast - Wynona Beach
and stayed in Palm Beach - Berkeley and
see the house along the coast - He took Mr. & Mrs.
from Palm Beach back here. They saw
district - where our lawn returned with you
to do that at night so on most things. Here
then go. The Bantows home is beautifully
situated - between Hoke mound and the ocean
and is very attractive. He made order of going
in that big electric deck boat - and I hope
will be returned - now they want to travel. I hope
you will have a very delightful time. He had his wife
six weeks ago - and seems absolutely at ease.

was my only - and on Good Friday²
Mr. Brees played in the Amos Key -
He had it all.

Today I've had a game of golf
with Mr. Mason and Mrs. Arch of
Plainfield - she says she knew
Madeline there - she is greatly
interested in the Garden club.
It's easy or easier, I should say, to
play golf here - as there are no
hills to climb and the fair
way is straight ahead - I thought
my usual score of 170 - down to
120 which is some difference -
I've only played twice - Very few
people are here now -

Oh - Fred Miller appeared on the
scene on our return from golf -
He is stopping with Mr. & Mrs. Martin
Mrs. Martin is Fred's wife. Both sisters -

Thank you for Mills handkerchief and my 4
only calligraphable cubbard. It will be my
contribution on these my trips. For and you
a picture of the Tower - in a booklet of this place -
The last was or is only for protection for the picture.
Mary Anne seems happy in New York - She was
delighted to get your acceptance for her arriving
and endeavor to get names - Your letter never arrived.

Do you remember meeting Annie Russell
at the W. Chalmers(?) in the park - She has been
there for some of their theatricals. She is here
visiting the Bobs - A very new ^{or is the visiting} little
thing - They, the Bobs go over there nearly every
day (he tells me singing) - he seems very feeble
and looks for you well -

Love to you all - I am sure you are enjoying
the pleasant family - It's only they can be with
you - Will send love to you and thanks -
March 27/29 Mary.



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Dear Miss dear. It seems ages
since we left Florida and
didn't see you or your garden
that you had told us so much
about. It just seemed impossible
to come away but still now I
sister for that matter seemed to be
haced up and as we had only a
short time we thought we better
try some place else for the rest
of the time. I wrote you from
Nashville. We had a wonderful
time there and I am delighted
that we must for it you see
such a different view of the South.

There's quite some bitterness
burking up in some of those
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groups and as the people get back
 more of their own I imagine we may
 hear more of it. These we want to
 hear. Mrs. Caldwell & Mr. rather
 was on the northern side - she took
 me to her meeting - history - they read
 John Brown Body by Bunt - so I heard
 quite a little in a very intimate
 way - Mother May as they call Mr. Caldwell
 was perfectly composed though it and
 in fact no one made an argument
 of it - only the reader made all kind
 of remarks and criticisms.

Our last evening was spent at
 Roger Cadwells house - He built it
 as an exact reproduction of Andrews
 Jackson's the Hermitage which you
 know. It is a perfectly stunning
 house - They copied the old maid Victorian
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furniture as well, and while it is very handsome of its kind & surest a great admirer of the kind - but it is all very beautiful and luxurious.

Margaret, the wife, is as simple and un-conscious as possible - they entertain all the time - since says - night after night.

Their home is some miles in the country - and a big estate - Most of them live that way and all the year round too.

Think it lonely - rather than see be huddled in one square block.

Our time here has been beneficial but Bill seems to have lost most of his vigor - Dr. Robinson tells me his head aches - ails - ears - eyes - all come from the results of his operation

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hardening of the arteries (he does not know this)
but fortunately no high blood pressure.
Some golf has beat it's toll - he plays
but not with the same vim and pluck
but chances to play go by - Well
don't ever worry about this for you
nor any one would notice it - all
say "How well you look"! but it worries
me.

To have no word from you worries
me too - but I ought to let mine and
let you rest - if rest you can - Oh
Prattmouth told us how he stayed several
days with you - Jimmy - and here
we were trying to keep away so you
could enjoy your family - Hope he
did not tire you. He is such a dear
boy tho - I hardly think he would do
that. He was so lippy over the visit and



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had much to say.

A Mrs. Riggs here noticed me in the March the other night - and after the march came up to me and said 'Are you not Mr. Edison's sister - and I said yes - Well she said; we stood too long - outside the Edison gate in St. Marys waiting if we could catch a glimpse of Mr. Edison and then you both came out and she said she had a good look at you. She must have to see you in me in a March like that - rather funny, I thought. She wanted me to get your signatures but I excused myself - she was very enthusiastic and happy she had the glance - you must be bored to death - too bad

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The road can't bring back of the stone
property, but you must be well
guarded now, as several have reported
that they could not get in -

Thank fortune! —

I am going to ask if you would
like Louise and me to come down
say the last of May - I don't know
when that she would do it - or that
I could. Since now I think of it, I've
hardly been settled in our home
till May 20th. From here I go with
Bill home for a few days - then see
View - 3 days - home again a week -
and Virginia Hot Springs on week -
home by 25th - so that was foolish
but if it had been possible I thought

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Conice might have enjoyed it - too.
 Will another year - You'll be home
 the first of June! will you?

Good night - and God bless you!
 I hope you are at last getting a
 long needed rest - How message
 that helps a lot. Great love -

Apr. 20/29. Mary & Will.

Dr. Kellogg told us all about his
 visit there 15 years ago - and his
 trip up the shore into the Lake on
 to St. Landevale -

I met Rachel & Edna one day
 when I was at Mt. Lake and we went
 to the north point of Lake Schekelsee
 How I found the memories of the time so
 want - and just saw the overflows -!
 the little burrowing owl - all met and despite
 memories - This is the first really
 3-2019



*peaceful times I've had in ages -
and I've rattled on and on!*

Mica darling :-
Your letter - telling of your
disappointment at our not calling
at Ft. Myers - rings in my ear - every
minute - I am sorry indeed, we
hurt you this way - I certainly did
not mean to do so - and I am sure
Mica did not. We were simply too
uncomfortable at Mt. Lake - to
prolong our stay and knew you
had had so much company that
we were not needed in that way, any
at all this winter. We are glad if
you really mean you forgive it
a wonderful thing to be able to do
when one has been hurt. - intentionally
or unintentionally - a hurt is a hurt.
Poor dear, I think you are over tired
or you never would have felt the
way you say - how could we possibly
figure in that great tide of visitors you
had this winter. I really grieved for you
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all the time - as I felt you must be exerting
 every nerve to keep going and going -
 When Hawthorne told me of his assistance I
 could hardly restrain myself - also some
 one in Battle Creek - I felt like telling them
 flatly that they had no right to bother you
 so - your mind dear, has not been out of
 my mind - well ten minutes at a time -
 there is a subconsciousness of you every
 minute - I long so - to help you - I think
 my trip to Chechobee saved me - I thought
 I must have something of you this winter -
 and I just hated that public that claimed
 all your strength and time - why can't
 we from now on let the young people
 do that outside work - and the old ladies
 like Mother - help them with gentle counsel
 only - you have so much you can't
 avoid - a whole life full of wonderful
 duties - no one knows how much - that
 and it comes to me I write - that
 they are immortal - those home duties of
 yours are immortal - Is that immortality?
 well - you and Thomas have achieved it -
 that is the greatest thing in the world - and it's yours!

We see how you wish a great, great love and
long to see you well and happy -

I know you miss how these few weeks of
comparative quiet with your Thomas.
Men are different - I know from my own
when we are alone with them - They are
nearer to us - and more dependant to
upon us - I am glad you are having
this time together - It will be very precious
later on.

If you would like Louise - why couldn't
she fly! -

About the program I am studying it -
I want a little time to ponder over it
It seems just now - but I'll write in a
day or two when I'm really reached a
conclusion in my own mind - it's only
to do this and I know it will go off beautifully -
I have suggested the rooms at the hotel for
the work - but fear Marion can't go. I wish
however, that all the grand children could
go - she of course hasn't quite the same
interest - but Maria, she has been and is
a wonderful daughter to me. Your dear
little girl is wonderful too, more independent

them mine - but she had you for a mother
and Thomas for a father, what could
a father and a mother expect?

I have the boldest flowers from you
for Mother's day - from Dehling - I am
so glad you got them of him - for he
did care such a lot. Mine are only -
there's the gladiola for mine the highest -
the tulip - for Louise's -
the narcissus for Grace's -
the deep dragon -
and the rose
for me of all -

The beautiful gift of
our friends -

that reminds me - of the poem at Mt. Lebanon
The gift of the sun for pardon -
The song of the birds for mirth -
The song of the birds in a garden
Your closest God's Heart in a garden
Than any where else on earth.

Does not know the author -

Thank you dear sister - I hope you receive
my little lady - leaving my son - on Mother's Day.
Will send I - go to "Homestead" - Virginia Hot Springs Va.
tomorrow night - We return home to Beardsdale
Monday next the 20th.
Love to you both - I'll write in
a day or two - about the program -
May 13/29



SCARSDALE GOLF CLUB
HARTSDALE, N. Y.

Miss dear
I was in to see
your daughter yesterday -
Took her some pecanier -
Everything was very quiet -
But finally the nurse got
John to the door and I
gave him the flowers -
He says Madeline is doing
nicely - and by Saturday
can see some one - I
am afraid I won't see
her perhaps at all as -
Will and Lucy, with the
3-2045

You no doubt can not so comfortably as
we are. Will be playing golf - last night we
night before - he smelt funny - but I had with the
Champ and pain in the legs - last night I thought
he was not a minute without a cough - tonight
I am young - close the windows tight and see
if that makes any difference - for certainly he
can't stand the fogg. He gets so awfully depressed
to suit the heart. I'd like to feel these things poor dear
more and more.

He enjoyed me - did you see her - pretty? She
Bogus - did she see you - see her - I've known just
always looks so, long beard, that I've known just
how she feels - I am sorry if she is generally good
She ought now to be in my street - that kind of a matter
any kind of business - but she knows that so naturally that is also

Atlantic City - to see you -
Great husband looked - I
Suppose Mr. did thought he'd
got no since he can't get
you - He could be in the
Audience - I am wondering
if Charles is going and then
They certainly ought to sit
around me somewhat of an
silence when Father dear received
honors - we were rather indifferent
and am we regret not having
taken advantage of our wonderful
opportunities. It must be rather
natural when we are young.

It's too hot for sands here
today 88° perhaps ninety at
times - I have a glass of
apollinaris lemonade by my
side - and am wondering if
you too are indulging -

she says - Will dad or has Thomas taken over
your mind - or what was the cry for John! You will
keep him as long as you can for he needs the rest
and too you enjoy him

This is Decoration day - and all are honoring our
dear dead. Dear Theodore what must have been
his life had he lived? I am sure interesting &
was a darling boy!

I want to have to welcome Louisa - I'll try to
have Gilbert meet her. I dread going away again
These visits upset one's home life very much and
I am ready to stay at home. I'll go now and

see Mrs. Baird's new Rock garden. It is exquisite
and I can't see enough of it. To have some one thing
right down to rock bottom, the way she knows this,
I wouldn't that to give? I'd love to have one thing perfect.
May 31, 29. Love to you all three. Mary.



HOTEL TRAYMORE
ATLANTIC CITY N. J.

Miss dear: —

Thanks for
your letter — we too
longed our visit with
you — now you will
soon be home and
we can meet again.

I have a thought
that I think would please
you — You know Mr.
Kid is a very sick

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the lips of every one - every speech - every
word - to the glory of that name -

Mr. Ford came out the way of town
Detroit just to pay the tribute - He had time
on the platform but he only made a bow -
We are expecting a speech - but outside of
Mr. Ford - see the address in my book and
do a shame indeed that the children have
not time to see and hear -
registered according to the paper at Big Lake
but he must have been very dull as no one
could find him - Will all of original plan
at the Edison station - It reminds me
of when we were children and many people

man - and I thought if
you could get Thomas
to drop him a line -
to stick to his job but
to do it in the way he
is doing it - (what he
wants to do) -

just a letter to help
Mr. dieb relax - it would
please him beyond
measure - more than
anything else you
could do for him -

It has been a wonderful
week - with the name of
Thomas Alva Edison in

Wm. L. Fether - m more indifferent -
I suppose children always are until
perhaps, it's too late - I am glad I was
born and am sorry you were not. -
Have Thomas write that little note - if
it is only a note - It would please me more
flowers or any thing - I am sure -

Love to you both from

Wang & Will.

June 7-29



THE BALTIMORE
NEW YORK

Yours dear:- I have about
two minutes in which to
drop you a line. It is now
2.15 and my train goes 2.40
Your hunchman was lonely
and all you said and told
prepared to show Dr. Sperry
was fine - I am sure he will
say forcible things of Father -
and very beautiful kindly
things -

I sent my letter to Mr. Ochs.
It seemed to me rather de trop
as I am certain you covered

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William Fox hurt in a motor accident, it³
seems motor accident, it seems as if
perhaps you were home before - will had
some engagement and had to leave the car
as I went by train. Today was so short -

My glimpse of you to write - just that you
that I feel urged to appreciate your effort -
should have had a share in this wonderful
to have me have a share in this wonderful
Moral revival. What you have done
and we still accomplishing will have many
years in our thoughts - It, in itself, is a wonder
had to Father dear. I trust no shadows may
love to you dear

Dear - Dear many thanks for your great
effort. I am glad to see the magnitude of your success -
achievement - I am sure very much of the family and

the whole subject as you did today
but perhaps having it repeated by
another party - (even the repetition)
would add weight.

I hope you will have the strength
to keep on now, and with your
book - I am sure it will be
a strong, beautiful one - bringing
out Father's character. I do not
mean to hurry you but this
year would be very telling.

Your enthusiasm about this century
I am certain will make this a success -
the whole program is very appropriate
and will awaken in the people the
worth of the early efforts made by Father
dear.

Fifteen minutes passed soon as
then I had any idea it would end
here I am on the train for Seattle

oceans of friends feel as I do -
God bless and keep you - Is My wish - 4
Miti - Mary -
July 17/29 -

Chantana -

THE LEWIS MILLER COTTAGE
CHAUTAQUA, N. Y.

*I will leave fresh flowers here when I go - and if
will continue to send you another*

Dear Alice:-
We find ourselves let-
down beyond anything you can
imagine - We miss you in a
way never before experienced -
Your telegram was greatly
appreciated and we were so
happy to know you were
well on your way and not
to suspect that I used the
telegram to the Bird and Tree
meeting (part of it that is -) and

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which pleased them all - It²
was a meeting of the board, only.
How ladies you know best.

The names for Mrs. Norton will
be attended to - It didn't seem
possible, with your long list - that
there could be another person.

What a lovely work you
give Chautauque - surely one
never to be forgotten - impressed
on the entire world - All these
addresses and the events of
the work will make a book
in itself beginning with Bishop

Anderson - so - Dr. Owen ³
I hope we can get them in full -
Bishop Anderson's was not written
but he would put it out - The
work was wonderfully arranged -
it kept getting more and more
interesting more intense, to the
very climax on Wednesday -

There isn't a paper to be had
of the Chautauque Daily and
Mr. Beator was down looking
for those he had brought down
to you - fortunately you had
taken them with you or you
would not have had them.

Ily heard was so full with
the beauty, success, and love

of it all - Every one seemed over-
flowing with tenderness and
kindness - what could be greater
praise to our dear Father - I hope
in some way or some person that
side of the picture - All the persons
you choose to come were so tender
Mr. Debs - merit or isn't he a fine
character - Dr. McMaster - I quite
lost my heart to him and Judge
Ransom kept repeating "He's a
'fine man'" and certainly his
address was overflowing with love
and appreciation of every thing con-
cerning father -

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THE LEWIS MILLER COTTAGE
CHAUTAUQUA, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford - were so
eager to express their love and
admiration and interest in
all kinds of ways - They were
so sympathetic and tender -
And then our blessed Thomas
he loves you dearest sister -
to think of him, with his
pain - coming to pay this
great tribute to Father dear
He loved Father - and it was
dear of him to come and
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May. Mr. Becton spoke of keeping them.
People continued to walk down to the point
and - I used blind and gage at the
Tower. He later too, more closely with the
light than up on them.

I now can tell you how my heart
aches and is full of pride and how far
all you have done and accomplished
this work. You must feel it and know
it yourself - but I must tell you that I
feel it very deeply - my beauty - there were
so many around that I hoped to help most by
being seen by nearly whom wanted - I am so

express his admiration for him^o
by this very act of coming here
at this time.

It is six in the morning -
during the day one gets no
quite time to write - or
meditate - here at Chautauque
so the early morning is a lonely
time to talk with those no less
best.

The lights Golden jubilee - come
down now - last night Saturday
was the last - I sit - I must down
above to the tower - it really
is my, my only - I hope we can
keep the lights on it just this



Miss dear:— Thank you for
your lovely letters and for the
wonderful gift you are thinking
of making to Chautauque. It is
grand to think you are able
to make this gift— and I can
hardly believe it true— I know
you intend to give it gradually—
how would you allow me to
make a suggestion— and that
is to give it conditionally— that
is— only in case they raise say
ten like amounts— you will
give \$100,000 for the particular
gift you are thinking of— on con—

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The idea of keeping your gift for the "point" is a nice one - it would be best altogether given for maintenance or anything less definite - He would like her a fine start and many admirers and followers - also every of

Erasmus' money -
Might it not be wise to have some idea of what Grace might do - Upon your desire to do definitely in things - you might be able to do a ~~particular~~ ^{particular} thing if you knew just how much she would help - I do, she might be one of the two - ! not that I know at all - but it would be great if she would - This special year! I had

Send for money of Helen and Mother -
You see your letter has got me excited to a high

ten others give a like amount -
They may not get their ten but they stand a much better chance of getting it - and they need it - There are several on the board could give that much more it - put life to them to do so - in this way -

Also, perhaps, one could get at the cottage owners in some method like this to give on condition that a certain (helpful to the institution) ^{clergy} be included in their contracts.

I will help with the gift as much as I can - or do you mean to give it yourself - of course, my gift would be lost as I can not give anything more while in a big gift like this -

pilot - I feel as tho' every one must follow in your
footsteps who possibly could - have seen it
would be a big thing! It's one o'clock midnight
I must go to sleep - I leave in the morning for
Akron - Address Postage Hotel -

I feel as tho' something big !! was going to happen!
Of course it has happened so that's why -
Love to your blessed sister
Will you bring great ideas -
Mary.

July 29/29.

Rachel had her sale today continuing Tuesday & Wednesday
sold over \$1,000 - today -

THE COSMOPOLITAN CLUB
133 EAST 42ND STREET

Tuesday.

8.45 a.m.

Hello Mima:— I've been to Chautauque
Hotel meeting at Chautauque on
last Friday morning - left here
2.25 for Pittsburgh to see for
myself how our little nation
place was prospering - arrived
there about 8 P.M., spent Saturday
Sunday and Monday till 9.30 P.M.
met her - and arrived here just
now. John arrived at Jacin
Saturday morning - and he
and Hal went to Akron Sunday
afternoon by motor - leaving, by
request of John, at a respectable
rate. John telegraphed from
Akron upon arrival there - of
their safe and slow driving and
comfortable trip. He took the
Akron car for N.Y. Monday night
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and I made the same train at
Pittsburgh so Grace had another
9 hours of John at the station
and John and I had breakfast
this a.m. together - He got off at Newark.
He seemed very happy over the con-
dition of affairs at the new house
and altho' they are not declaring 100%
dividend the report seems encouraging.

Ira stayed at Charlestown after
our hotel meeting on last Friday
for the trustees meeting on Monday.
He telegraphed him to meet him
at Aberson Tuesday and go over the
warehouse with him and motor
back to Pittsburgh with him on
Wednesday; so I suppose Ira is
this morning having a satisfactory
view of the warehouse. I think he
will be pleased and much more
satisfied to wait a little patiently for
a beneficial dividend.

Now about Grace: I found her
greatly improved - but did not
hesitate to tell Halbert that I thought
he had not fully appreciated her

THE COSMOPOLITAN CLUB
132 EAST 45TH STREET

Condition - He certainly has a
more kindly and protecting attitude
now than he had four weeks ago.
He probably has no left string or
pitched at that time that he could
not stop. He has slowed up greatly
and it reflects for the good on
Grace. She is much less nervous
and talks in a much less nervous
way - still very constant, which
is according to my theory uses too
much of her energy - which she
needs for recuperation.

We had a long rest - as I said
John and Hazel left Sunday aft.
for Abrose - so Grace & I slept in
her room - went to bed at noon
and in the a.m. (Monday) - had breakfast
in bed - stayed quietly there till 11.30 when
we decided to take a nap (I pretended to
be asleep so Grace could really rest for half an
hour)

hour) It did no both good - for nat⁴
a sound of any kind, till 12 o'clock -
then we dressed - had a light lunch
& nice walk in the park - I found
Grace pretty improved in that way
(walking) while five weeks ago - she lay
after the time she walked along with
strength that was not there before. It
seems the last doctor (and she has
had three or more) she had - says she
is recuperating from the grippe
and didn't lead the grippe and didn't
know it -

Her mind seems definitely fixed -
want to go out into any kind of society -
two clubs etc - ; if she carries this
out and really gets herself the chance
to thoroughly recover, get strong - she
will be in fine condition again
I am glad I had these three days with
her - especially to while her last to
be in Akron - Grace would have been
alone. Don't forget your promise
to rest very morning & then your breakfast
in bed - not to get into things until after
the first of the year. We see her again -
Dec. 16 29 Mary.

116 EDGEWORTH ROAD
SCARSDALE, NEW YORK

Dear Miss -

I am enclosing this
interesting article about
Ed. Harkness - I thought you
would be interested.

Also - did you know Anne
Curtis - her daughter
Katharine - she must have
died in Arizona - however
I do not know any of the
particulars - She was very
sick and her father was with
her when Anne went to Europe
several weeks ago -

Love to you both.

May.

Dec. 15/29

116 EDGEWORT ROAD
SCARSDALE, NEW YORK

Mina darling and Thomas too.

Merry Merry Christmas -
This is my last chance to write
so you may possibly get this
on Xmas - any way - Thurs day.

Make all thinking of you
two way off in that land
by yourselves. I know you'll
be happy for it will be
different from any Christmas
you ever had. You and
Thomas together. I know you'll

Enjoy the New Santa Claus -

I am enclosing a clipping
of the death of Mr. Cozzano.
Mrs. Cozzano has gone
for the holidays with Marie.

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Went to Mammoth that you
and I both said our dear
husbands & kids they were
both so near the end?

Wrote Mrs. Corson and
went to Delport today to see
her & family. Merry Christmas.

They are quite cozy here
and I was glad to visit.

Wish I could say God bless
you both. We will be off
tomorrow to spend 2 mos
with John & Florence probably
some time at Mammoth.

Love to you both from us all.

Mary.

Dec. 28/29

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The BATTLE CREEK SANITARIUM
BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN

GUEST STATIONERY

Dearest Mica:

I am so rushed with all we have to do at this place that so far, I have not written one Xmas letter and certainly am ashamed of myself. I'll say to you that your wonderful gift of the three tickets was most lovely. I think "Swiss Milk" was the loveliest one I have heard in ages. Will and I went together and both of us were so captured - Powell outdid himself and Volpi was great.

Pagliacci the milk before Marian²
had - I was not able to go
ok - I was met at Chautauque
and Pittsburgh - It was dear
of you to give them to us -
These are lovely boxes from Jacques
those were wonderful - We have
swung ~~to~~ ^{to} everything to last a
long long time. Will & Marian
give me their bath sets - (I must
return the boxes) - and I give them
my Vaccanti? - for the hands. I
can't use it as my hands don't seem
to agree ^{with it}. Will I think gets his
share of the bath sets, at that,
for I have them sitting near by
and I notice he has a very luxurious
bath. Well - I like that, for I don't
like to be the only extravagantly
luxurious one - and if he likes
it, I too have an excuse, for
you know I love it! - Thanks you.
Madeline give me one of her



The BATTLE CREEK SANITARIUM
BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN

QUEST STATIONERY

Dear Xmas Mrs. G. Miller, Jr. The Bath room -
 beautiful photos! - don't they
 look lovely - I dream about it each
 feel it's my Madonna like -
 rather sad expression but very lovely.
 Glad you like Hawaii dear. Bath
 Mat. Dear little girl works hard
 over her Christmas for others.
 She has been busy at the
 Bath mats all fall - every
 evening found her busy at
 one or the other. I hope it
 is the right color for your
 room - But wait - and
 make room for the next. -
 She writes me she is already

starting on her next Christmas. ⁴

How are you progressing with your knitting?

Will endorse two telegrams in his letter last night - one from your New Years ^{Dec 29} and one ~~from~~ - They are both lovely and I'm age glad our ball was useful - perhaps it would have been more so if you had had it earlier - would it -?

I guess Henry found a use for it in the decorations - I thought of the table when I cut it - but any use was alright I thought it looked cheerful and happy - I am so glad you are having a peaceful time - its wonderful to think of you so - Will and I surely will stop if we don't go by boat through the Panama Canal - we are still working on that idea - and I think I will



The BATTLE CREEK SANITARIUM
BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN

GUEST STATIONERY

5
5000 ft. on low terrace
Ocean view - The most beautiful view
in the East.

wants to go that way - if possible
My coming here changed our
date from the 9th to a later ship
and now we have to wait and
see if we can get passage -
Grace will be with you by the
middle of ^{next} ~~the~~ ^{month} Hal miles, and I think
of, as nearly as possible
Grace is planning that way - ^{she} ~~we~~
will leave here next Thursday night
the 9th ^{or 10th} ~~at~~ She wants Dr. Merritt to see
her teeth before she has them
pulled as advised by her Pittsburgh
doctor - This will make her
hurry a lot to get back to Pittsburgh
and off for Florida to make that time;
she is going to try it - I think she

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is greatly improved and you two⁶
will have a beauty visit together.

Don't take the dates in my letter as
authentic - Grace is miteing's son,
herself and will give you the exact
dates that she will make. You know
we never know just ^{exactly} which others move
ments and sometimes it makes trouble
to tell what the plans of the other person are.
You'll see her about that time anyway, if
that I'm sure.

How wonderful it must be to be
there with no tourists there. Must
seem quite like old times - when
you had every thing your own
way. I hope it lasts a long time
that way this year for your sake
and Grace's so you can have
a peaceful visit.

I love your dear Mizpah on
the end of the night letters - I don't
to say it to you, too - Give my love
to your darling - and to Lucy - tell her
I'll write soon - her card hits with me -
and to your dear sister a fond good night -
See 4/30. Vasem Mizpah - Emily Mary.

11/24/30

WILLIAM WALLACE NICHOLS
● EDGEMONT ROAD
SCARSDALE, NEW YORK

My dear Mine —

I hope you will enjoy this as much as we did. We are hustling to get away from here next week as you probably know we sail the 30th. for Los Angeles via Panama Canal. We could not get accommodations on the Panama-Pacific line, which is luxurious but had to take what we could get — a cancelled room on the Dollar line — As Mr. Hux & his wife started around the world on this line — and "anything won't go" with that couple of large messes, I feel some confidence in being well taken care of. As we close the house utterly this time — it's more of a job than ever before. Mary is up to her neck in preparations & is wrestling with a sore jaw from an incisor extraction. She is doing well & happy in Arizona prospects. — Marian has taken an apartment on 13th St (!) & is happy in that. I've reduced my uric acid excess in my blood 50% (How's that for diet? Tell yr. husband) on an alkaline (basic) diet. But my ears hum unrelentingly

My eyes bother me greatly & nobody can do more than guess "its arterial changes due to advancing years" As my latest D. says I'm no longer a 30-yr. old - and should be thankful to have only these two defects to battle.

Phoned Thos. yesterday & he said everything was moving well, Chas. in his rest-cure, etc.

I'm sure you keep well posted. -

It's winter hereabouts - thermos' down to 14° last night & not much above now at noon - But the sun shines - always a saving point with me. - Your letter gave us much joy & we're edified (?) to learn that you're taking care of Grace, etc. What's the matter with giving yourself some little consideration. Tell Grace for me, to reverse the tables ^(of the car) once, we are delighted to hear of her improvement. That shows what Battle Creek can do. Better try it, sometime.

Lots of love to you both. - Yr. article in the American Magazine goes so well that I have several copies for my distribution.

Love to Thomas. - Affly
'24/20. - Will

2/2/30

DOLLAR STEAMSHIP LINE

ORIENT
ROUND THE WORLD

SHIPS
U.S. PRESIDENT WILSON

To my two darling sisters ---
Well-mee-well-here
we have passed the dreaded point
of Cape Horn and never knew
it - slept like tops all night
and the ocean is like a mill
pond this morning - if we were
not positive we are on a ship - we
would think we were quietly in our
room home at Dearold's. I may be
a very bad number, I suppose I am
but in our room - middle of the ship -
we have not the slightest sound of
engine or wheels - mechanism of any
kind - I think so does Will - that we
must be standing still - I suppose
all ships are so now - but
the last trip I took - there was
a big noise of engines and
a vibration that jiggled



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at each place - if we can manage it - your letter 3
Grace was fine had no milk bugs & night insects as so
as not to miss any of the high spots - The Café de Paris
will see us - I'll either be seen set the good things & not
-- will there another question - She's trying to keep
myself fit - I am not eager for any more children -
I know Charles. After I left New York - only once -
she says - I didn't know he had been in the hospital -
until just a short time before we sailed - They are saying
how great - so I was surprised to be shown into his room
in New York since flowers to him - I'm had Grace & let
not seem with us at B.C. where he could have scolded both.
and I think you were "weld to the diet" - as you said you were -
I am too - Just it; hard to deny myself all the time every
from there - Charles had a bad color and I suppose he
was pretty much for his lands were moist - he says he is

the best. Her room is a nice big one
with two beds - and a sofa - Mr. Red
to take one without fault, and now we
are undecided whether we will change
to one with bath after Havana - we
can do so if we wish - We found this
room as comfortable that we may
stay where we are:

Want to thank you both for
the lovely gifts that passed in on
us as we left New York - They could
not deliver them till after we had
left the port - so Marion did not
get the fun of seeing the packages -
and to her she said - that is half the
trip - perhaps she thought we had not
any - but no, oh my we had enough -
Candy - fruit - telegrams - flowers
tooth - magazines - rubber molar
coat! letters with each news! such
as a treat at each stop! etc. etc.
Thank you both - I know I am going
to love both of these gifts - My coat
fits me exactly and how often I can
use it! it's a beauty - and the letters
at each stop will be the best thing

Sleeping much better - I wonder if all this Kvartz and
Sulfate round New York - is worth the candle? I said to
Mill, Charles is doing too much - too big a load to carry -
he replied - "No, he doesn't see right - no exercise (regular);
extra every thing, things, that we had for him - because the candle
at both ends -" Of course we all know the least - but how few
realize the fact - This extravagance of no matter what
seems to me to be simply the "love of Babel" in the Bible -
and it just can't be - that is all there is about it - If we
can't use our brains to regulate our lives - then we must pay
for it one way or another - and it generally is my hand to pay!
We closed our house completely - turned off water, gas,
Electricity - frigidaire - - The plumber did it all - so
I'm in hopes - will leave at least half the house for me did -
we return - The mails left just an hour before we did -
with the understanding they will return April 15th 18th; one
in position she will - The Sun (and) not so sure, fortunately
the best one will - Gilbert Colored China's just kind? says he is
going to return - so there you are - the other method of keeping

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the house open during the winter
for the benefit of having the help
there when we return - has been
such a failure - this program
can certainly be no worse -

Florence came to see us off
Anne was to have been there
by report but some way she failed
to get there -

Maib. I could look across - Florida
now and see you too enjoying
each other at lovely Demondale
Lodge. your letter Grace, sounds
as tho you were resting some
both of you but I shouldn't call
it a real sanitarium!



I suppose Halbert
is there now or coming
I wrote him a letter but

Hotel Company that much for a release of the hotel
or a sale of the land to them. It seems a large amount
to me - rather large - but Mr. Beator says they must get the
the money - Chautauque needs it - and arbitrarily set the
amount. - - - - - How to you see - Mary. ^{1/2}

If I recored all I have to say, it will be more than
a line. She on deck in the amline and backing my reading stand, which we
forgot, sit at a disadvantage for I try to scribble on the book I want
one from Mother Edison. Thanks for the book, Maria, and many thanks for
the remembrance. Mary was ahead of her vision when she wrote "Palm Beach".

We were opposite Cowles and Sawyer, at 2 pm we will be opposite Palm Beach.
(It's now 11 am) Well, this is one of my greatest disappointments. Mary's gold
bladder believes itself beautifully and that part of my make-up responsible for me.
It was her red not a case of gold. The sea is very smooth & the vessel each night
call without a quiver. Six looked out our port for the first time, expecting we might be
anchored. Steam thunders. That's it. This is the dearest vessel of all the world. She
sailed on because of the Chinese service. The table is just cleared and the oil is opened
every where. (She met our "hidden sign") to its 150 passengers. Mary's a spect

he has been too busy to answer
it. It didn't require an answer
but could!

Ira John & I went with Mr.
Gregory, Wednesday afternoon last,
on the Chautauque Hotel matter -
Mr at last has settled on - the
first letter to Mr. Beator - It's only
a first letter - one on which to work.
I am trying to keep up the value of
our stock, so that, if or when we actually
come to some agreement - (to hold the
stock or give it up) it will have enough
value to properly finance gift - if to
King of the world; at any time, the
Chautauque
make such a gift - of Chautauque
- a gift of our stock. Ira and I
have perhaps this thought of keeping
up the value of the stock - more than John
who seems to think we ought not to do
this - which might put us, in the eyes
of the trustees, as holding them off from
getting the 400,000 - that's as much
divid. They want to put 100,000 in
hands on the hotel - and change the

two hrs. on the upper bridge this am. watching flying fish
porpoises (?) and nautiluses (?) In short, it's perfect &
we're ready to continue on around the world provided it's
on the Pina Wilson - too good a ship for its name.
We spend 15 hrs. in Havana tomorrow & it will be some
time, if Ellis Chalmers' Cuban Mgr. has my d. y. airmail
letter for the Cuban Chamber of Commerce a few months ago
passed a formal vote of thanks to me for what I did
for its delegation sent to try to save Cuban cigars from
the ruin Congress proposed ~~to~~ in its tariff bill. Certain
American countries under ordinary circumstances are
over-salvaging. What they may be, if we've discovered, it is
almost frightful to contemplate. The more I think about
it the more I feel like dodging the possibilities. Well,
we'll see ~~what~~ we shall see. I feel this trip is
pretty well what we both need - to rest our nerves.
We can't hustle even if we wanted to. We sail restfully
at only 15 knots - Grace if Hal was not such a nutter
we'd recommend this - none of the righteasing, just
loafing with sufficient action to burn up the little
food we consume. We only lack a private bath. But
our room is so capacious with its two beds, a big seven-
foot, two washbasins, two chiffoniers, table, chairs & four mirrors
on full length - a veritable hotel double room, is too com-
fortable to wish a change. We're happy as I hope you
are - for then you'll be well. Much love to both
Will

July 2 - 1930

Sister Mary.



Castle Hot Springs Hotel
and Burgers
HOT SPRINGS
ARIZONA

Dearest Miss and Mother.

I am enclosing a letter
from Cotta so it tells of their trip
home from Phoenix after leaving
us there - they motored us from
Glendora (I paid expenses) - We
had such a lovely trip - at Blue
Springs saw Grace Wymouth -
She looks much younger than I
- we knew her but seemed well-
she talked little of herself - so
just how well, I can not make
out - not overly strong. Imagine
- We had sandwiches at El Centro -
and after they were over we were

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to Phoenix by train - (Here read Cotta's letter)
Nice and I leave here after the days in Phoenix -
and find it so charming as ever. I am sure as
like me by family party - and each five people -
two special charms are Mr. Henry of Clarkland -
He sits at our table now - and he and I have been
constant love birds companions. Mr. & Mrs.
Ruckland (Clayton of the Board N.H. R.P.) -
these three had I play bridge may coming and
Mr. Ruckland and I are very, very glad.
One too slow and delicate for Mr. Ruckland altho'
who is quick as a wink. Her husband altho'
such a big man in business - he is not quick
enough for her - but on some of the
anyway - so perhaps these very quick people
are not the correct - all - but on some had a
very nice - anyway. But on some had a
Baby ten days together. Mr. Mrs. B. was today

greatly amused - The elevator²
settled when we went to get into
them and I see but topped over
flicking my dig. -

We had a lovely visit with Char.
and Carolyn - I was sorry they
had not decided to come here
but they seemed happy there
and Charles improved - John
I think Charles could take a long
long time off with great benefit to
his health - He is not strong enough
to go into all the business worries
(this is just my opinion) and not be
pulled down again. News seem
to be built that way.

Laird & Louis + Milton stayed two
days with us - then returned home
adding Cotta's letter to their party - he had gone

There are many other nice people here and we'll
meet them all in a great way - you know the
place is tiny - so naturally many means of
those that are here - perhaps 100 in all -

I now had a great opportunity - to wear my
fine rain coat - The past three days we have had
unrememberable rain down pours - not so
severe as in 1927 - but most of us are ready to
call a halt. Personally I was rather glad
for every one seems to think I'm a horse and
of course I try to live up to it - and overdo; with
this rain I have a good excuse to stop!
It's foolish to try to learn up to what people
expect of you - live our own lives - I wish
I had that determination!

I am sure you and Grain dear
had a wonderful visit - It has been


Castle Hot Springs Hotel
and Bungalows
HOT SPRINGS
ARIZONA

a delight to me thinking
of you two together - I think
you were both hungry for each
other - a little note from
Grace to Cotta tells of your
trip to Rollins College for
the Degree - I congratulate
you both on this distinction
It's a great blessing to have such
a dear Brother and Sister -
and you are dears!
The letter reads as Mr. Theodor
von Mich. - I hope so -

Never hesitate sending your letters - I'd rather have 8
them full of mistakes and hesitations than not at all.
expense mine too - I know they are always chicken hawks.

You can send Cotter's letter on to Louise
It helps to keep it in touch & it's a nice letter



Sister Mary.
THE NEW PFISTER
MILWAUKEE'S FAMOUS HOTEL

April 17 - 1930

Dear Sister: -

We all just had
a letter from Grace; letters are
scarce as Lewis' teeth, this winter.
It was nice to hear all about
you and your lovely place.
It must be a dream! Did
all hope to see it, and see
you and Thomas enjoying it
to the full. Will and I are
this far on our journey home.
We had dinner with Lewis
and Helen Wednesday night, in
their new apartment. A tiny
bit larger than their old one.

It's right interesting to go about and
see the different ones ^{comfortably}
installed in their own houses - and
it gives me a thrill when I think
of how happy it must have made
Father and Mother, to ^{know} know that
I was all so nicely fixed. Dear
how they mourned that they were not
leaving us so well fixed as they would
us to be - but such things may
be a blessing in disguise.

Mama had a lovely table and
delicious dinner - They celebrated
by using the beautiful plates and
after dinner you gave them -
and their table was very loud
some. John is your god son, looked
very proud at the head of the table.

He might return and have a little
more visit with them but they
are going for a drive with Mr. Nathan



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for a little change - and it happens
to fall just now. It's raining and
his agreeable weather - so perhaps
they won't go.

I called up Anne Carlisle, thinking
they had returned - and she would
stop en route, to say 'how'd ya do'
but Charles jr. says they are all
still abroad, will not be home
till June. They are terribly broken
by Kettling's unexpected death - and
probably feel it best to stay there
as long as possible. Charles and
Woodson - with Charles wife - have
all Kettling's children, I wonder
where Mr. Wagners is -

To see dining with Geil Talk this
morning. Will is out at the plant ⁴
now - He hasn't seen mother
like this ^{and + plenty} since January 30 - I sit
it strange how in all Ludella in
his critic or commentaries and
put up with this kind of thing
(very fifteen seconds - the policeman
whistle for change of traffic) and
there his God's open country with
the sun shining clear and bright
just a short distance away -

To see like animals, in truth, that
you want to be in the crowd, the
rush of things - I look out on top
of buildings, dirty with the soot of
years.

Ida Nichols Walt - has a wonderful
choir in their charming St. Andrews
church. There was more in the
choir than in the pews - the music
was lovely - and the dearest old
man read the service - Dr. Johnson
brother of Bishop Johnson - He must
be nearly eighty - he is prof. of Greek



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MILWAUKEE'S FAMOUS HOTEL



at Grady College - near Brown - and
goes every Friday to Menomonie to read
the service and preach ^{on} Sunday and carry
on the Church work - It is the
most interesting atmosphere! The rectors
and Bishops come into the home
live there at the Cliff House - as they
used to in our home years ago.
They play cards - etc - things we
thought were most sinful - especially
for the clergy.

I have heard from Marian that
Anna, our cook, has returned -
also Gilbert - the boy - so all
I have to find upon return will
be a second maid - It sounds
as tho' it were working much better

than keeping the help all winter and
the house open - We will have
to see when we get really started
at home again - but even if they
do not stay we are set out ^{for} 400 a
month all winter. That's what we
had to send Maria each month
three feet three years to keep the house
going -

I should imagine now - would
be the nicest time at Seminole Lodge.
The orange trees in full bloom - and
the other trees out, fresh leaves and
flowers - It must be lovely - and
the masses of people gone.

I wonder how the boat came out
that Grace mentions in her letter.
With you all working at it. It
must be a success.

How small the world is - a dear little
lady at the Cliff House - she has
been there for years & years -



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is the sister of Miss Hubbard who is
very intimate with Mrs. Ford. at
Harborn - They work together a great
deal and accomplish much. Don't
it queer? no never heard - just how
closely we are related to each other
is not otherwise - and all
at once things pop out. Well if
Mandi's sister is as fine as Mand
it's no wonder - she is a gem -
she has to live in Manitowish for
her health. She has a dear little
bungalow in the "Black Forest" out
on the plains - No fun to go. at
least once, every time we see
in Manitowish. She does truly lovely
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imiting a rather lettering-like, the
old manuscripts - with beautiful
decorated lines - or pages - the work
is lovely and most pains taking.

Now, God bless you, and keep
you safe - - as Mother used to say -
"in the hollow of His Hand" - I have
such a poor conception of the strength
and power of that Hand - I trust
all gods will with you and yours -
I am sure I could hear if it were
not so. Love to Thomas - and
Lucy - and grandeur self - I imagine
all the others love you -

Your loving sister Mary.

April 18/30.

We arrived home Newcastle on April 23rd

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Sister Mary

7/10/30

Miss dear -

I want to tell
you how much I enjoyed
our visit - the picnic was
great - in that lovely field
of wild flowers - It's a real
treat to me these days to

have a picnic as we
never get them here -
The motor ride was perfect
too - the country so very lovely
in Jersey - The excitement
of your reading was a
strain - I hope you are
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And things that need sunshine meet me
Blow. I am trying to come but I
don't let blowing - wind they meet as
Sweet flowers and the bright sea the
My house has been one garden with the
of every you and what especially yourself - I
know half never look so long and last the
way here are doing - They are beautiful and
Indigo - (oh a dear) makes a little change
each deal on the table - I see and touches
going to love her so she has said to her
and feels it is cheap. To long on to her
simple - I am trying to long for the day ex-
I hope you were with the worse for the day ex-
not too tired from it - it
was very interesting to see
and hear it all and you
did beautifully - our dinner
in the park and the ex-
hilarant dinner - the
dinner was not so bad
but all those new you
feel you had to try -
that was a drain on the piece
after the big dinner -
I was almost founded to
find my car so free I
crumbled - but it turned out
that Peterson had done them
my carefully and the
Carma and Janie took up
rooms - anyway he gave
me more than I could find
space for in my little garden

perience in New York. I am sending you
1929 article on Edison scholarship etc. I
thought you might like to have it altho you
probably have all articles sent you from
the Bureau.

Edo wish the sew would come out and
stay out most of the time - I feel we have
too many bees myself in this weather.

Did you arrange satisfactorily about
Company for Thomas? we are always
ready to help when you need us - if we
serve in time - Don send thanks for
everything - We both send our visit Mary.
Theodor's birthday. July 10/30.

Mina - darling: - I've been reading Mother's
letters - I found them up in Charles' room -
and brought the one volume down here in
the living room - - I've read them in their
order as you have them classified - ¹⁹⁰⁵ and
find every letter contains much of interest
and so full of lovely thoughts - How can
I tear them up or throw them away -
This one about the Night Hooting series -
"When open they are so near perfection as any
thing can be - but with that they have a fault,
after mid night they close and Beauty is gone." How
glad we can be if we can be half as perfect as
do not lose the good we did as they do, we can
live on and on and be more Beautiful as we
continue to live." I don't that lovely - and
in the same letter - telling of how she "cannot go
to you just now - I do think of I am ever needed at
this place it is now it is
not any work or help I do - it is only my voice and
just sitting here."

Mina I believe these letters are priceless - let's not
destroy them - let us have them gathered into a book

and keep them forever. No can engage some²
one to keep us and call them out little by
little and make a most beautiful book -
Do not destroy them! they are precious, and
ought to be preserved in real readable form.
I'll help you - and let's do it right away -
for fear they ^{letters} do get lost or thrown away - by
unlucky hands. They are a real history of
your family - and home. I'll share with you
any expense and any trouble. We must find
some one who will call and collect or edit them
That's what we want a person to edit them -

I cannot destroy them! they are too sweet and
precious. We must save them - all are dated which
makes them invaluable for reference -

I have read 22 letters - and now I am
going with Miss Boque for tea at Mrs.
Garrison's -

I haven't told you a word of your
"dearie" - but this morning it was
colder so he put on warmer pigee
flannels - and I laid a dark suit
on his bed - and he put that on
so we felt better to have been in warmer

clothes - We have a fire here in the ³
living room - and tonight when he comes
back - there will be one in the hall
and his room - and the dining
room. I have the windows open
by me here in the living room but
I will close them soon as I hear
him coming - It's pretty cold - and
we don't want him in a draft.

He went to the Lab. this a.m.
and came home for lunch - I
thought he wanted a nap - but he
didn't he just sat in his chair
an hour or so - then went back to the
laboratory - Now it's nearly time
for him to come back again -
Just relax and enter into any fun
we are good watch dogs and will
bark if there is any need. Love from all
Aug. 11/30 ^{Mary}
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Mirca dearest: -

See the report of Ashford -
Thomas went to bed at 11.30 and
I went into the room four different
times during the night - and he slept
always in the same position. I told
Ashford to call me when he waked
and he called me at 6.20 when
your boy was just dressed - I tied
his neck tie as best I could
but I could hear him under his
breath - cursing me out - He's been
pretty good tho' - as he had the
sniffles yesterday morning - but
he sniffed up histamine at once
and did it - at the laboratory too
and gargled his throat with it -

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I came home, at noon better, and
at night fine - We had Dr
Bradshaw - just to be sure and
he said - he thought he was
in fine condition - asked about
you - said his wife killed herself
looking after him -

Will and I are staying till
Thursday; I don't know as you
would approve but I felt better
to be here when he had those
sniffles, and Lucy thought I
would be easier with Thomas than
Carolyn - I perhaps would not
at all - but it has worked out
that way - and Will was willing -
My great thought is to have you
rest a bit - I wish you could

Go right on to Madeleine again
that little island seemed to
reat you.

Thomas is now sitting in front
of the fire smoking after his milk.
I suppose tonight he will be
awake all night after such a
good sleep last night! you
know all about that.

I read some more of Notman's letters
and feel the same - in the book
we can correct the spelling - not
the composition - that is so quaint -

Will will mail this in N. Y. City - and
you can have it - Thursday before leaving
Chautauque - Thomas seems to enjoy
Will - they get on pretty well considering
the condition of hearing.
Love to you Louise + my little
daughter - all enjoy the days. Mary - August 17/30
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Miss Darling.

I am enclosing Anne
Carlisle's lovely little note, in appre-
tiation of the day we had with you -
She is so sad - and this little note
speaks so forcibly of her great sorrow
and the grief that will not let down -
I thought you would like to see it -
You could send it on to Louise
if you would - she was so anxious
we should see Anne.

She is anxious too, for us to get
in touch with Mrs. Ames - at the house
when you are stronger I am going
to have a luncheon and write you
both.

Miss dear remember you
mean back + back more to all of
us than you do to the outside
world - do get well - rest every day
and get well - then when you are strong
you can go ahead again but now

is your bounden duty to rest each day
and get strong - we all need you - must
have you so please do that for us - as
your Christmas present - to us all, get
well. my what a gift - !! -

I don't telephone because I know it
only means more work for you - but I
keep in touch - I hope your thumb is
better - do you try exercise your hands
by clenching the fist - then relax and feel
the blood course to the tips of your fingers -
It is an easy ex exercise you can do it any
where and any time - I do it six or ten times
a day just anytime I think of it.

Good night dearie heart. How I'd
love to help you - call on me for any
thing you want or any time - I'll always
make it right.

Your loving sister
Nov. 9/30. Mary:

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Miami Springs, (Miami) Fla.

My dear:

Well here we are - a pleasant room
on the second floor one looking a very
pleasant view - but can't compare in
any way with Semmola Lodge! I have often
thought how you were tonight probably
I've wondered how you were tonight probably
sitting there together enjoying the quiet
of being alone - or perhaps a caller? I hope
or he does not stay too late. How nice an
friend "Don't Ruse" -

Mr. Funtone was awfully nice to us - he
kept us at his place over night - what a place!
and we had Harry at our disposal that next day
and we sailed on the Curtis' on their yacht and
invited us to luncheon at the Golf Club today -
again what a club! The pajamas did not
strike me as being so bad - they are so full
and long they are much more modest than
short dresses. Mrs. Bok (of the Bok tower) was

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on the yacht & at the luncheon - I really feel
I know her I've met her so often, and she is
very cordial - Very anxious to attend your
Mt. Lakes Club - She owns property at Camden
Maine just opposite Monksgate and they say she
is the ladies there at the luncheon say she
is doing great things in Maine - She is greatly
interested in Rollins College - and Annie Russell
the actress (former actress) is greatly interested too.
They are great friends - When I'll see my Co. Club
Luncheon or Tea I'll invite Mrs. Bels - and hope
she will come - My how I miss you so much -
Recent death - I'm had a big ache in my heart
ever since I left you - and saw you waving
there in the yard - I don't like to think of you
without someone with you to help if possible
with some of the steps - I'm glad see the help
seem to love you so much and we so eager
to please and help you - I feel I do so little
to help you in any way - that I'm sure in the
way than a help - but you must take the need
for the deed - for it's my great desire to help -
You remember - no doubt - that man as children
I have made some a bed to suit you -!

Oh Mine Bear - those curls - on that trip

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Miami Springs, (Miami) Fla.

Very wonderful - clouds and clouds of them -
just before we reached Everglades - at least
six different big flocks - they were beautiful
and most wonderful. The other birds not
so lovely as the day we came together - too
the Chaffin Harry - most so fast 55 to 60
but it was about like a train - why people
like that I can't see - Mr. Fucatione talked
but Harry would slow up for a few moments,
by request, then away he went again - he was a
fine driver and very pleasant - it seemed to
be more of an impossibility to keep slow than un-
willingness. However I can't drive slowly at 55
or what you like - Our lunch at Everglades was
very good - I thought we could meet there some
day and have the day with the birds - how
can people drive like that when there is so
much to see!

I am more sure than ever that those particular
birds we thought were argents were some argents -

Their plumage seems longer and looser than
the other white birds - I am eager just to take
along there - a great part of the distance from
the Everglades - there were no birds at all - think
the best part is along where we saw them and then
five to ten miles after migrants -

The mission the only lovely place - and the royal
Palace - Mr. Furstone says they are too young here
perhaps that's so - Miami Beach is lovely but too
expensive for real life - everything luxurious
and so striving to attain - Mr. Furstone is a
great host - very simple and unassuming -
very busy - He says Mr. Edison could not
accept any financial help - He feels he is getting
now brought out of these efforts that within the Edison
or Mr. Ford - so he ought to pay something in toward
it - but Mr. Edison said no - perhaps Thomas did
not understand him exactly -

Thank you again and again dear aunt
and Thomas too - for a very happy three weeks -
It was lovely and I do hope we did not sit
stay our welcome - if we did you now my people
in covering it up - We will both remember it as
as a red letter three weeks - Mrs. Goodenough - Go
to bed early and sleep that's important - Dr. Killgoff
says that is what is putting him on his feet - to sleep.
I'm too bed - now - Love to you both - May & Will.

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Mina dear -

Here's a nice letter from Miss
Watson - the lady that stayed down
stairs and received the flowers & gels
at Grace's. It tells of Grace - and I
think you might enjoy reading it.
Grace dear has developed to such a high
degree the thought of helping others - in
her salvation now - in this great movement.
I just tore off her address so as to have it -
Grace will be here soon now - then you
two will have a nice time together.

Dr. K. thinks you just must have a change
of some kind - you know it yourself
It's the only thing that will help you in
condition for your task. Thomas seemed
as much stronger those last few days. that
perhaps you can manage to get a vacation?

I can hear you say "Man, don't be so absurd!"
Mr. Furstone took the cake out of the basket -
and served it that evening at our evening meal -
It tasted awfully good - Like delicious lozgs - and
I wanted more of that you burnt - the apples he returned
to us - and I still see enjoying them one each night
here at the Sanitarium. It's right - nice here but
not exactly all the things I get at B.C. proper - you
need not worry that I'll grow too thin for they give me
too much to eat for that.

Maria seems happy as can be - says they
have just finished the box of oranges - I was
nice in thought to send them - Now comes the real
Red Cross drive this week. Are you in it - up to your
neck? Is good Maria dear and don't get too tired.
My mother says you both very much. My regret is
that I could not help you in any way. I think I
only made you trouble - now work - I can't get
over the thrill of the 11th. My heart would up get when I
think of it.

I'm again brought to you dear sister and
brother - Try both of you to get well - each help the
other - so we can have you both many years -
and that will only be true if you give each other
the kind of rest and change each needs - please
do it for the rest of us if not for yourselves.

Springly and with great
Kisses for our lovely visit - Mary.

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My dear Mina — Thank Will

Many thanks for your trouble in forwarding all our mail — some of which I am returning in this. In order that you may understand, read Dr Kellogg's letter transmitting yours. We wish you could be here with us. Altho' it's not the great original in Michigan, still it's a pretty good imitation and I think you would enjoy it. The difference lies in the extent of the facilities, but on the other hand I'm not sure but the lack of ^{the} crowd, making comfortable simplicity possible, compensates for much. And the surroundings — Spanish-Indian — are picturesquely charming, as the enclosed photo merely suggests. — The grounds are very attractive and Dr H. is like a boy with a new toy in the joy he gets out of his planting. It's much like the Mission Inn at Riverside, Calif, in miniature, of course. — We have seen the Curtis yacht and took lunch (cafeteria) with them at the surf & we did not get Battle Creek dist. — they threaten to drive over to see us, which would delight us beyond measure. — Join us! — Our love and best wishes (hopes) to you both. Be happy (philosophical) and you'll get well — perhaps. at any rate you'll feel better.

Truly yours
Will.

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Mama dear:

I have just received the article of Father's in the Encyclopedic of American Biography - They wish me to correct the copy according to my notes - and also wish to know if I will take a copy - I do not think it necessary to correct the copy as we corrected the one you have together and I would not like to change the wording when we changed it - so I am not sending the copy back -

I am sure you are taking a copy of this encyclopedic - \$100.00 - I am so interested in this volume - but I am interested and willing to send you \$100.00 toward the purchase of a volume - so that we would surely have a volume in the family - You didn't say whether you were buying

a volume or not - but I did hear you say that ²
you were going to send for the volume containing V's
My heart turned sorrowful St. Myers. Miami Beach
When the Frielson's line may be all right - if one wants
to put that much effort in down here - but excuse
me from Miami - that crowd! - one better stay in
New York -

Here we are far removed from the mad-making
crowd. 6 to 8 miles out north of Miami and away
from the shore. Dr. Kellogg is surely making
a great success of this - he spent in Ore and is
turning away one hundred people on Sunday's for
his Sunday talk, and the house is full all week.
Everything very primitive in the bath rooms but
people don't seem to mind that as he helps most
cases - There is a Mrs. Bolling Jones here from
Atlanta who has a brother Sumner's Jones - so I imagine
connected with the Jones you know. These people
are Virginia S. F. V.'s - Poor little lady lost her sister
and this Sumner's Jones in the same year - last year -
and is broken hearted - Her sister's married two brothers -

Son, leave sister - I miss you every minute -
He is more delighted to see St. Myers go over the top!
Hallelujah for you - I know you worked like a beaver
Here see Dade County is 728th. To think of these people

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playing on the beach and through that town
and not able to do more \$2,000.00 but perhaps -
they will reach up - but I doubt it unless some
one person takes hold and manages it.

Love to you both. Take your
messages often and get in grand shape -
It would help Thomas to have a message often
too. Thanks both of you for our lovely visit -
Mary.

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Oh. How about the speaking tube - is it in yet
Send me the bill when it is completed - that's
my anniversary present to you - 1886-1931 -
It's as near silver as one could get - the old
speaking tube was nickel I guess - perhaps just tin.

Oh miss the dear evenings of knitting and
reading - I am just writing Jennie about them
how we had them sitting there with you too
By the wonderful pilot Joe!
The thought has just come to me - why not let

Will and me take care of Thomas. and you and
Grace go make Semic a visit. you need the
net and the change especially - and Grace and
Semic both need you - and here Will and I
free lanes - Will could sleep right there next
to Thomas - and I'd be on the job during the
day. and Semic my oh me. he would
simply "die of happiness" -

Harbel Villa
Miami Beach

Alma darling: —
Thank you for the
Candy — It has been enjoyed
by every member of the ~~Sanitation~~
Dr. Kellogg himself included, who
wanted awfully to take a big price
but only dared take a nibble — to
lie up to his principals. He
said, in a conversation — that
a good thing for you to give
Thomas would be the eggs of
an egg mixed into his milk —
He would not mind it — probably

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just arrived - She knows Mary King & Betty Benson - She says she just met her husband Mr. Pettengill and he was just Thomas as a young fellow in the last night business - He was that age when he died - She thinks Thomas would not remember him as it was so long ago and Mr. Pettengill has only a bad leg.

Just came up from my lecture and found the shipping of our trial with the trustees - hope you are using Mrs. Rogers - hope she can advise you of a great deal - you her own best - Thank you for the clipping - that does not improve so far - she seems quite or very dis. encouraged at times - that looked almost but Dr. Kellogg is trying very hard to cure them of something and let it be right thing.

Just came unnecessary must have been kind for her for being - some one Elliot left her home taking it very soon then possible - now she is a few days to you

but if you did not tell him he would not know it - and if you told him the news, he needs -

He is really dead over here - just like a boy with a new toy - like Thomas with his rubber - She works hard from morning till night and interested as can be - If you ever come over to Meaux come out and see how interested he is - He just passed this place in Dec - and its overflowing - Has a fine veg. garden for the table - He is far inland tho' - that part I don't like - with that but, to be sure - it seems to be not to see it -

A Mrs. Pettengill of St. Louis has

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Dearest Maria -

Bill and I had a perfect day with you and Thomas - I say Thomas too - altho' I had two words only with him. Will let much more - you were a darling in your little pink silk dress and the orange blossoms - and your beautiful pearl necklace - I was not fooling when I said you ^{looked} like a girl again - your expression was simply beautiful. I know a few things I'm not saying in my letter, what you were feeling down deep in your heart. and I lay awake from two to five this morning seeing you as you were February 24 - 1886. Making I could remember the names of the people that came to the wedding - I can see plainly Mr. Upton - was Mr. Batchelor there

(Mr. Samuel, I don't think he was) who were the²
people from outside - I can see Mr. Kingsley
and the people sitting in the dining room
Robert sitting there by the chimney in the dining
room - but that came after the wedding. The
house was only all in white - with the canvas
all over the floor - and we all stood up around
you as a family - why didn't you have real
bridesmaids? I never did quite understand
that -? Then you walked in on Father's arm -
what a privilege, and how proud he was of
his daughter - yes - I can remember that great
love, and joy that you were taking this great
step with this fine gentleman - and he had
made sure he was a fine gentleman in all ways -
dearling father! Everybody was so happy and
proud - It was a great occasion - You were
all in lovely lovely white with a beautiful veil
I remember I was in blue - Jane I think was in
white too, wasn't she? and Mother dear wore
a lovely dress and her dear face expressed
all the love and anxiety that she felt at

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the great step you were taking - She was not quite so sure as Father, that the future would be mostly roses - but she did not stand in the way - she never stood in our way darling Mother - she wanted us always, always to go forward and helped us go.

Then came the moment of parting - I can see it as if I were yesterday in reality - but perhaps that saddest moment of the day - has proved the highest - for think of the years of Compassionships you had - different - yes - from all others - but in that only greater and more developing than all others - The expression you had yesterday does not come in a moment - does not come without

years of love, devotion, and experience - through⁴
trials - joy and sorrow - You bought it -
day by day over these forty-five years -

"Out of the pressure of pain,
Cometh the smallest smile -
And the eyes that have shed no more
Can shed but little shine."

Read too, in your "little book" - - - -

"With silver hair and mill on fire," (Van Dyke).

Yesterday expressed that dear little poem to me - perhaps you
omit Rhyme just what I mean - but if not will send good -
It's the last part of the poem that shone out in your face -

Don't think I'm dear I'm saying any of this without
meaning it - for you think it - I'll tell my letter
up - but no I'll take the chance - you'll understand what's
in my heart. I've loved you deeply many years -

God bless and keep you - send you to us
many years more - Will join me in loving wishes
for the year and many years to come.

We must arrange some way that you can get
treatments of some kind - you need them - I'm
worried about you -

Your loving sister
Mary.

Feb. 29/31.

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Miss dear and Grace dear.

I am enclosing ^{10⁰¹}

The telephone bill - you will recall that I gave you the cash ^{10⁰⁰} bill and said it the time "now don't forget it's paid" - Will was with us when I gave it to you -

In answer about the Mount Union celebration I think it would be fine say on Father's 105th year - The bronze busts would have to be worked out - and the time is too short I should say for this summer.

The Chautauque Hotel matter seems fairly well cleared up - We have to sign the contract and in due course of time you will have it to sign - The Millers keep their stock as Class A. a guaranteed - accumulation 6% dividend - Chautauque will have Class B. non-accumulative - They have 3 representatives in law 2. The hotel pays \$100,000 bonds 50 for the land and 50 for the license - which in this way makes

the stock permanent - this question is settled from 2
today - Mr. the stockholders will own the hotel next
lease as before. The whole thing is satisfactory to
the Committee, Ira, John and myself - We have
had many meetings - many of our arrangements
but now are happy - that the end is now in view
and it only remains to be signed by both or all
parties.

Will send you the form of contract for the memorial -
We take it, it was satisfactory, as we have not
heard to the contrary. I hope Mr. Bentz has
had it long since - and I guess he has for
in a note he says - "surely the Millers should be
represented on the executive board."

It looks to me as tho' the Miller had been upset
in a very satisfactory way with fine results.

Dr. Kellogg's advice remains open till June 1st
you and Thomas could perhaps come and see
how you like it - I am certain Miss it
would do you a lot of good, if you up so you
could be "devised" parties for life - I am not so
sure of Thomas - as he must lead himself and
one must do that. Cooperate - I am sorry it
could not be while we were here - you and Joan
but by the papers I saw you had too much doing.

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I think the nurse idea a fine one only she
wants to be a crack dietitian.

Did Dr. Kellogg send you Pyralle - 2 level spoonful
Big bran - 2 heaping "

Not in water - before each meal - allow to soak well -
Return meals - like lacto dextrine - 2 heaping table spoon
in hot water - (dissolve first in little water & stir quickly.)
always drink a glass of water, with this!

At first you may feel you are not responding but in
five or four days - you will notice a big result.

Will and I motored again to Royal Palm from.
all day trip with one picnic luncheon. It was
fun to get away alone for a day - and away
from Dr. Kellogg's huge Sunday crowd - ten or three
hundred people to hear him talk on health etc.
Our day was not rewarded - no birds - at all. but the
day was beautiful -

We are going to see "Yukie in the Court
of King Arthur" - now - and to Blanche Zieberskiop
for dinner - Tell Beanie dear that I will call
up her friends soon. So far it seems - I get hardly
time to think. Love to you both and Thomas -
and Lucy too. I miss you kids together - Mary. March 27/04

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Dearest sister,

Were the cards all changed and this morning I hear Grace here; Dr. Kellogg has convinced me that that is the thing to do - and after much changing back & forth, go or stay she is staying - The plan now is for me to return about June 1st and make north with her - perhaps by that time she will have another person to go north with her -

Well dearest sister - I am sorry about the nurses - Dr. Kellogg and his sisters are trying to find one to fit your requirements - but they are not really trained that way - it's a little too comprehensive for the usual mentality - Well, it's not to be wondered at as diet is a science in itself and requires constant study - Every man's stomach and anatomy is different - therefore it would be easy -

The telephone was mounted to see just in such cases as yours - Why not take the nurse and let her telephone over here and get your diet - and tell them your symptoms every two or three days - The nursing alone would do you much good but much better courses to learn the diet too - Dr. Kellogg is ready to cooperate in any way he can - They are trying to find some one who combines the two things -

How much you too could be here this month with

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Grace - that would be great - or you anyway
you need it so badly - a man nurse with
Thomas would solve the problem and you come
here if he won't come - the place is deserted by nearly
all the patients - Grace will be practicing with the fellow group -

I'd like to learn her but there is nothing else to do -
Dr. assures her she will be so much safer and stronger
if she keeps on with the treatment and diet - even
a day makes a difference - she has pockets in
her ascending colon and the food gets lodged
in these pockets (they are so deep) and stays lodged
for 52 hours - and they are trying to lessen the depth of
the pockets by straightening the colon - that will take time -
That's why she must not put anything in the stomach
that putrefies quickly - like meat of any kind - our intestines
are narrow and so meat is one of the worst things to
put in this narrow place - 52 hrs in the stomach is a long time -

I dread to learn her but we have touched it
out - one minute go - must stay - and I must not
be the one to tell her either way for really she must
decide - "loneliness against health" - my best judgment
is to stay - now she has had almost four full weeks -
seems too bad to interrupt the work -

She won't be so lonely after she gets started - she
has friends here in Miami - Hubbel - Falco -
Madella - and so on - but only the Dr. here after
this morning - several are leaving on the same
train with me - they go to B.C. Michigan - Elko New York -

I am going too early to see the beautiful
royal porcelain - but one cannot see everything

Grace has changed her mind - It's too late now
last night found that - she goes now with me
or rather I mit her in the car.

I am ever much -

Grace - I took a swim in the ocean
yesterday - just because I wanted to see what
the people were so crazy about - We found
it all they think - and our thoughts flew
to you and your lovely pool - What a
happy, happy day we had -! that pool is
just as lovely and lovelier than there here -
We are so glad you are bathing every day
and you know we'd love to be there with
you - It's a blessed house -

Goodbye - sister dear - try your best to
cut out meat - hot breads - white flour -
take an exercise every night yourself or several
nights and see if that does not help you - and
if so keep it up for a while - keep up big doses
of sylvia - and tea; and the leaves between
of sylvia - and tea; and the leaves between
meals - it's full of juicy greens and they multiply
in a warm place (one intention) -

Grace and I both want your joint letters
to keep - so we are having them typed so each
of us can have a copy - They are lovely letters and God
bless you for sending them to us -

Have you had Charles' typed yet? if it's too
what is the bill for the speaking tube? if it's too
much trouble to separate it from the rest give me an idea
of the amount - We want to give that tube to you - not
to let you pay for it yourself -

With love and thanks for all you've done for
us and meant to us this month and always -

Your loving sister Mary -
April 29/51

Misses Clark - Grace took your letter and I was so glad to hear of your father, but I am not sure if I should get it to you or not. I will reflect on it and let you know. I am sure you will be glad to hear from me. I am sure you will be glad to hear from me. I am sure you will be glad to hear from me.



From the Homestead
and back to the Rock

THE HOMESTEAD.
HOT SPRINGS.
VIRGINIA.

Miss darling:—

I was delighted when Grace telegraphed me that you were willing to help as tide come over this crisis - I know that you already have helped him with \$3000.00 - so I was not sure you would want to continue - I had a letter from him just before I came down and certainly he is having a terrible time -

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written all this to you too - but he has been³
on my mind constantly - it seems terrible
for one person to have such a fall -
I am trying to see if I can't place the
news and mostly eyes at a better rate -
I am hoping he is not too heavily backed
up - but when one begins to try to run
this kind of thing over a year's limit - I am
is apt to be committed to the limit - I am
terribly sorry for him for they had such a
pretty place ¹⁹¹⁵⁻³⁰
income - The park 2,300
Dauger - 3,000 - that is not a bad
income - I've seen most people of the kind
the account as I have asked him to do - just what

I meant to send the letter to²
you or a copy - but by some
mistake I put in my bag
the wrong letter - Now I'll
tell you what he said -

"Last year his oranges brought
him in \$2300. This year \$500 -
For the past fifteen to twenty
years - the "Beach Park" at
Akron has paid regularly some
nothing - this April - nothing -
his losses - he has not sold but
they too, will be low no doubt -
poor fellow says he can't eat
nor sleep - and on all hands
what that is - of course he has

his indebtedness is - I think we ought to know anyway.
 He and Lisa told Sunday afternoon where he either
 to New York - the weather has been abominable -
 this morning the sun is trying hard to shine -
 Mr. Pope, Mr. Morrison and son, Tracy, and I
 suppose many others you know are here with
 the "Electrical Manufacturers Club". Also Red Ash, Flood
 with his daughter - says Alice Westbaker is in
 New York -

A month from today you'll be coming home - It seems
 so since Grace & I saw you in Summerville Lodge -
 but your baby flowers greeted us & we on our return
 found the baby motor trip - but nice dear now you
 had they were beautiful - but nice dear now you
 had a box and when you think of me in flowers or gifts
 I say send that I cannot in the box and help you, this
 thing for Louis - I know these are hard years - I'll know
 what is your heart to do for me, for yours always love it over
 and over again - my dream and how speak if you to me a thousand
 times daily - Grace took your first letter, written to us both - but
 is having it copied for me - I don't get it was my letter, but of course had no right
 to keep it - I always will the deepest affection and love

Mary -
 May 17/51
 from Thomas
 and sent to his box

My dear darling: -

Yours delighted

When Grace telegraphed me

that you were coming to help

as the time on this crisis -

I know that you already have

helped me with \$2000 - As

there not some you need

to want to continue - Glad

to hear from you just when

our time and certainly

is having a terrible time -

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MILWAUKEE, WIS August 10, 1931.

Mr. W. W. Nichols,
C/o Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co.,
50 Church Street,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Nichols:-

Referring to your telegram of August 7th, inquiring where you could get some goat's milk for Mr. Edison, we wired you to get in touch with Mr. Etzel at Highland Mills, N. Y., who can undoubtedly advise you where to get a milk supply, providing his own farm is too far removed from Mr. Edison's West Orange home. The Etzels, as I remember, have their farm at Highland Mills, N. Y., and their home is in Monroe, N. Y. If they cannot deliver the milk conveniently, they certainly could either loan or sell Mr. Edison a goat which would give him a plentiful supply of milk. Goats are easily taken care of and take up practically no room. I should imagine one goat would be sufficient to give him three or four quarts of milk per day.

If there is anything further I can do in this matter, kindly let me hear from you.

Very truly yours,

*Have written
Mr. Nichols about this
the letter
Crossett, 5/10/31*

OHF-M

Dear Mina

Has my effort to procure milk met with any success? Of course you know, that "goaty" flavor or odor is due to uncleanliness in just a goat.

The kind of goat we are considering is highly bred and naturally clean.

Love
Will

8/12/31

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WILLIAM WALLACE NICHOLS
118 EDGEMONT ROAD
SCARSDALE, NEW YORK

September 18, 1931.

My dear Miss:

After persistent efforts I was able to hold a long conversation with Mr. George Cortelyou yesterday on the matter touched upon when I saw you a week ago. I was particularly anxious to secure the benefit of Mr. Cortelyou's reflections because in all my acquaintance I am sure he has had the widest experience with vast opportunities for that close observation for which he is noted that would make him peculiarly competent to assist in the present emergency. He performed a part in the obsequies of McKinley, Roosevelt, and a host of lesser leaders. Of course, I have myself given deep thought in an effort to visualize the fitting and dignified arrangements in your unprecedented case, due to the unprecedented position Thomas holds in a truly affectionate regard verging on adoration world-wide in extent. This makes whatever is to be done extremely difficult because of that universal desire to actively participate in the final act. Mr. Cortelyou agreed unqualifiedly as to this, and our joint consideration with much discussion has evolved (tentatively), for your and the boys' consideration, some such general course as follows:

(1) "Lying in State."

The choice of the Laboratory for this purpose seems very appropriate, - (almost an inspiration) because, as I believe, for years his office library has been almost invariably "the reception room" for eminent callers, especially foreigners who have sought to meet him.

Furthermore, this place has been the scene of many distinguished gatherings when high honors were conferred upon him. The Congressional Medal furnishes one example.

Whether admittance here shall be authorized by card needs be carefully considered, otherwise an

unmanageable crowd may be expected, for the newspapers are bound to notice it.

(2) The Funeral.

The funeral service to be private and, in deference to your wishes, at Home. The usual cordon of police will be necessary, with absolutely no entrance except by card limited to a capacity carefully figured beforehand and assigned in extreme detail because of the prominence of the mourners. Mr. Cortelyou is sure that the President, accompanied by members of his Cabinet (with the retinue the law requires), will attend unless a serious crisis prevents. This injects an extremely difficult situation. The requests of prominent foreign diplomats, to represent their respective governments, may be anticipated. The inevitable delegations of societies, etc., from necessity must be limited; perhaps to association presidents each with one, at the most two chosen companions.

(3) Service.

The service should be kept simple, without eulogy of any kind, which under the circumstances would be superfluous. We think the simplicity and beauty of the Episcopal service, curtailed as much as possible, deserves consideration and the circumstances suggest the propriety of having more than one church dignitary of highest distinction to conduct the services. Music, if desired, will deserve special thought. A specially beautiful and appropriate phonograph record or two, reproduced under perfect conditions, highly commends itself for obvious reasons.

(4) "No Flowers Requested."

Undoubtedly this will be the most difficult feature to contend with. Everyone will want to send floral tributes and to an extent that will crowd the premises. Flowers, as appropriate symbols, should be confined to the family, with such great exceptions perhaps as the President and Mrs. Hoover. Mr. Cortelyou and I discussed this at length, mindful of its exceeding difficulty. Perhaps The Press might help to prevent it. A family blanket of flowers might well cover the closed casket.

(5) Simplicity.

Finally, I am sure you will want emphasized that whatever is done shall be in keeping with the simplicity of Thomas' life, void of all spectacular pomp and its attributes, always so distasteful to him. Probably it would suit him best to have the ceremony you would want, - a strictly family affair, but this appears impossible because of the certainty of President and Mrs. Hoover being present as well as such old-time, intimate associates, ~~like~~ Messrs. Innull, Ford, Firestone, Barstow, Edgar, et al. General publicity may be enlisted to regulate this limitation and even then "police control" will have to be fully exercised.

(6) Interment.

In order to effect adequate arrangements for permanent interment - and in that the Public will doubtless be the controlling factor in contributing the erection of a suitable memorial (a monument) at Milan - the remains should be fully protected (from possible vandalism) by a temporary lodgment in an important mausoleum, either private or public.

Of course you will understand that these suggestions are purely tentative and inadequate. I hope you will accept my sincere tender of any further assistance I can render. In fact, I anticipate further reflections of Mr. Cortelyou, helpful for the reasons I have given. He is anxious to help and treats our conferences as strictly confidential. Please command me and believe me as ever

Very sympathetically and affectionately,

W. W. Nichols

P.S.

The Adams' undertaker was Edmund M. Speer, the Sexton (and for many years) of St. Thomas' Church, 5th Ave. and 53rd St. - Circle 7-0597. Mr. Speer can be addressed there or at 597 Lexington Ave. - Plaza 3-5300.



Mrs. Nichols

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WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS
WEST VIRGINIA

Miss darling: -

I tried to get
you on the phone before
we left but the line was
busy and I had to move
on. I had seen John the
day before we left so felt
reasonably sure that
things had not changed
much if any. How
3-3008

a compliment - and a hint saying 3
too. There cannot be the one
without the other - and like friends
like" so they naturally get together.

Mr. Linton then Tophet. been -
much better than we ever found
it at "The Homestead" - We see
wondering 'it' is so let there, with
you, and thankful indeed. that you
Love the Juggernaut - Darling wife -
you are going through a great time!

Smith you were able to²
be fifty years younger
you and Thomas and
start at this development
period - what wonders there
would be! I read a saying
the other day - and thought
of you - "you never see
a big" man that you do
not find a "big" woman
beside him!" - How's that for

Draw down the courage and ex-4
periences of your past life, with all
the counsels you have appropriated
to yourself - we are going to sustain
you - and fill you with peace -

Any time you need me or us
remember - we are ready to
fill in any gaps that may occur
or render any service within our
power. Love to both of the dearest people
on earth - Your loving sister - Mary
Sept 24/17



Miss Julia Lee.

THE GREENBRIER COTTAGES
WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS
WEST VIRGINIA

Miss & Thomas dear:-

It's lonely here
this morning - and I
hope so with you -
you would need those
fridgeless machines here
I can tell you I never
was so frustrated

3-3007

bring copy of the matter over
sent to Berlin.

Mr. Cameron's
Fisher's Island has been especially
kindful of you - the admiral

you and Madeline my mind.
I am hoping and praying to
that you'll find something to
bring you pleasure and joy - the
the advice of your loving mother - Mary.

19 pages of your letter dated from New York, Jan. 18, 1861. The handwriting is very fine and the ink is very dark.

with the heat as 2
on Monday last -
Probably it was last
every where - My head
whirled every time I
moved.

Every body enquires about
you both - Mr. Dandee
presented a bust of
Thomas to the Ass. a

524 Fifth Avenue

Mine darling - -

Just a line
to bid you "good day" -
I don't think a moment
passes that you two
darlings are not in my
mind. Will has gone
to Skytop - and I
was relieved when I
did not have to go - I
dread being far away from
you - He will be back Sat-
urday morning. Grace
telephoned. Thomas did

3-3002

The expectant - I can not deny you the working
but the request was granted - perhaps not
in our way - but surely granted - In Am
You both dearly and pray you may be
speed pain - a long continued suffering -
you being sick - Mary.

Oct. 1861.

not seem so well - poor?
dear is what a terrible
feel you are living.
"From the Lord cometh, He
Choseneth" - surely
He must love you too -
and you since he chosened
to great perfection - How
in long to help - just
a little - ?

God bless you both.
Marion & I went to early
Communion last Sunday.
It say - "When two or
three are gathered together
in my name" - you know



Darling Victor:

Today we saw
one of your favorites, go away
on her ship - It was hard for
her to go - and she clung tightly
to my arm - trying me to watch
out for her mother. What great
chums they are those two. I was
glad you got in touch with Rachel
and told her to get her kinones -
she had plenty of time and from
what they tell me she got a beautiful
one - prob I believe - and she
was so happy in it. Now she is
seven hours out in the ocean -
not sea sick for she doesn't succumb
to that. I've just heard over

5-3005

The radio low dear Thomas is - it's
almost surreal I was there listening
to Charles telling the reporter Darling
over - low strong and then you all
see.

I know the night is near at hand,
The mist-lie low - on hill and bay -
The acclamations cease as dawn's day -
Yes, I have had, dear Lord, the day;
A few at the cell I know the night,
Brief be the twilight as I pass -
From light to dark from dark to light -
S. Mia Mitchell M.D.

The dearest old lady (83) you see this cont-
inute at Miami I said how lovely it is -
It gives me strength to go on and on -
I left Edward Basic's house in Palham and
thought I was alone communing with you
dearie's with - I'll be in Washington & Mexico too god.
God bless and sustain you - He is filling you
with his glory - It's wonderful indeed to know
of the spirit that labor is only love -
Sleep sweet and rest - the blessing is so great.
Oct 1961
Your loving sister Mary.



Darling Dick - My thoughts fly to you
Constantly - perhaps you have no time
to read letters or even notes - but I've sent
my little word anyway - and perhaps it
may bring a little comfort - These last
weeks have indeed been wonderful ones -
with your dear husband - our dear
Thomas - How he has filled his life and
yours with smiles and love - I think
I'll write this little passage to you before -
"It is easy in the world to live after the
world's opinion; it is easy in solitude to
live after one's own; but the great man is he
who in the midst of the crowd keeps with
perfect sweetness the independence of solitude."
Don't you think that applies to him - and I

think to you. How glad I think of your
dear place in Florida and the "cove" that
inspired - and you both "keeping with perfect
sweetness the independence of solitude -

I feel far away from you - but as the
young people tell me my greatest help can
be performed by absence I will trust to help -
Rachel - Louis! all of us - yet know that
we are here to call upon - Dear little Rachel
how she hated to go! She loves you dearly.
and that dear Mother of hers -

"Be still and know that God doeth all things well,
Nothing the purpose of His Holy will -
And if His high designs He do not tell,
Yet He accomplish them - do thou be still.

Why shouldst thou stoop and fret and fret,
Use of His way, being dark, must trade thee ill:
Of thine own way be clearly pointed out.
Dear Hints to "Clean up His, and be thine still."

Dearest sister - God give you strength - and bless
you. He must learn to "sell and feel" "The way to home."
Oct 9/51
F. C. Smith -
F. Smith - Mary.

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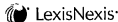
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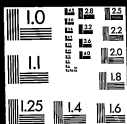
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